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# Gulf war truce set to begin on August 20

Direct talks will open five days later: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 8. (Agencies): A ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf war is to begin at 0300 GMT on Aug 20, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced today.

He said he would invite Iran and Iraq to send their representatives to Geneva on Aug 25 for direct talks under his auspices.

## Observe

"I now call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq to observe a ceasefire and to discontinue all military action on land, at sea and in the air as of 0300 hours GMT on Aug 20, 1988," the secretary-general announced after a crowded, expectant meeting of the Security Council.

His announcement was greeted by applause.

"I have been assured by the two parties to the conflict that

they will observe this ceasefire in the context of the full implementation of Resolution 598," he added, referring to a council resolution adopted over a year ago.

"The governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq have also agreed to the deployment of United Nations observers as of the time and date of the ceasefire," he said.

## Invitation

Perez de Cuellar, who has just spent nearly two weeks in intensive separate negotiations here with the Foreign Ministers of Iran and Iraq, Ali Akbar Velayati and Tareq Aziz, continued:

"I shall extend to the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the Republic of Iraq a formal invitation to send their representatives to Geneva on Aug 25 for direct talks under my auspices. I am

sending letters in this connection to both sides."

The level of representation at the talks has not yet been decided.

The question of face-to-face negotiations was at the heart of the negotiations here, with Iraq demanding direct talks prior to a ceasefire and Iran rejecting this as an unacceptable precondition.

Last Saturday Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed to halt the fighting if Iran guaranteed to enter direct negotiations immediately afterwards.

## Massive

The announcement came less than a month after Iran accepted a UN ceasefire resolution, and 14 days after Perez de Cuellar began indirect peace negotiations with Iranian and Iraqi representatives at the United Nations.

Since the beginning of the war, in September 1980, Iran and Iraq have fought massive land battles,

traded missile attacks on each other's cities and attacked oil tankers from neutral countries in a war that threatened the world's oil supplies. The conflict claimed an estimated one million casualties.

Earlier today, the UN chief executive sent a written report to the Security Council requesting authorisation for an unarmed UN military observer force consisting of up to 350 officers to police the ceasefire.

Perez de Cuellar said he intended to deploy the main body of the observers together with support staff, "not later than three days before D-Day" — the effective date of the ceasefire.

## Disputed

He estimated the cost of the force for the first six months at \$74 million, of which \$47 million will be for initial setting-up costs.

One unique feature of the

observer force will be a naval contingent — the first in the history of UN peace-keeping missions — to patrol the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers separating Iran and Iraq at the northern head of the Gulf.

The Security Council is expected to vote tomorrow on the resolution establishing the peace-keeping force known as the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Force.

Iraq, which rejected the UN ceasefire resolution when it was adopted by the Security Council in July 1987, suddenly announced its acceptance on July 15 and dropped previous conditions that Iraq be named the aggressor

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## Iraq declares holiday

BAGHDAD, Aug 8. (Reuter): Iraq declared a three-day holiday from tomorrow to celebrate the announcement by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of a ceasefire in its eight-year-old war with Iran.

"It is the great victory which Iraq scores in the name of all Arabs and humanity," the ruling Revolutionary Command Council said in a statement shortly after the UN announcement.

"Therefore we call upon you to celebrate it as a great victory irrespective of the consequences that the implementation of other items of Resolution 598 would entail," said the statement, addressed to the Iraqi people.

## Attacks

Iranian television contacted Velayati by telephone in New York and asked him about the possibility of further Iraqi attacks.

"It is not unlikely in view of Iraq's record of breaking its word," Velayati replied.

## Vincennes rescues 5 Iranian fishermen

WASHINGTON, Aug 8. (AP): The USS Vincennes, the warship that mistakenly shot down an Iranian airliner last month, has rescued five Iranian fishermen adrift in a small dinghy, defence officials said today.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the guided-missile cruiser was on a routine patrol in the Gulf of Oman, below the entrance to the Gulf at the Strait of Hormuz, when it spotted the dinghy yesterday.

The five fishermen were taken aboard and treated for minor injuries including dehydration and hypothermia. The officials added:

"The five identified themselves as fishermen whose boat sank while working in the Gulf of Oman," said one source.

## Iran sends message to Kuwait

AN Iranian envoy yesterday handed Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sahab Al Ahmed a message on Iran's acceptance of a ceasefire with Iraq, Kuwait Foreign Ministry officials said.

They said the message, delivered by the Iranian Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Fomeni Haeri, was sent by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

Meanwhile, Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shafeen received the Iraqi Ambassador in Kuwait Assem Yacoub Younis, who handed Al Shafeen a message from the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to HH the Amir.

Al Shafeen also received the ambassadors of China, the Soviet Union and Algeria during which he reviewed with them the current UN Security Council's deliberations on halting the Iraq-Iranian war.



HH the Amir received Arafat yesterday.

## Shultz escapes attempt on life

LA PAZ, Aug 8. (Reuter): An explosive device went off beside Secretary of State George Shultz's motorcade in the Bolivian capital today, shattering a window of a car carrying his wife Helene, US officials said.

The explosion went off seconds after Shultz' car passed its location beside the road.

Reporters riding in the motorcade heard an extremely loud bang and saw a shower of smoke and debris.

Redman's car also had a tire blown out and a window cracked.

"We will continue with the schedule," Redman said.

Shultz will be meeting with top Bolivian officials, including President Victor Paz Estenssoro, and delivering a speech praising Bolivia for an anti-drug programme.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which Redman said was the first ever against the secretary.

Referring to the initial police investigation of the attack, Redman said "they did find wires so it was triggered electronically — possibly dynamite."

## Device

Officials said the device had been planted on a hillside a few yards above the airport motorway along the route the motorcade was moving.

It appeared that debris from the blast, such as stones, caused most of the damage, officials said.

Shultz was several car lengths ahead when the bomb went off.

The attack occurred despite heavy security by the Bolivian armed forces, who ringed Shultz' plane at the airport when he arrived. They brandished sub-machineguns and were deployed along the entire route of the motorcade.

A van carrying five State Department officials took the

## Palestinian 'government' under consideration: Arafat

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that formation of the Palestinian government-in-exile was now under consideration and the Palestine National Council will have the final say on this matter.

Arafat told a press conference in Kuwait last night that the PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, and the PLO executive will discuss the matter in detail.

He described the decision of Jordan's King Hussein to cut all legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank as "a legal disengagement."

He said the PLO will shoulder "all responsibilities resulting from the Jordanian monarch's decision."

## Decided

The Palestinian leader said the organisation had decided to dispatch executive committee member Mahmoud Abbas (better known as Abu Mazen) to Jordan if Amman agrees to have talks on the King's decision. If otherwise, Abu Mazen will not travel to Jordan.

Arafat hailed the stand of HH the Amir, who received him earlier yesterday and added: "I have talked with HH the Amir in his capacity as chairman of the Islamic Conference and as one of the Arab leaders that the Palestinian people cherish."

Arafat, who arrived in Kuwait yesterday, also met HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

## Talks held on border demarcation

THE interior ministers of Kuwait and Iraq yesterday held talks on border demarcation and security issues.

Kuwait's northern borders with Iraq are the only ones not yet demarcated.

The Iraqi Interior Minister Samir Abdul Wahab arrived in Kuwait yesterday.

Abdul Wahab and Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah visited the Kuwait-Iraqi borders yesterday.

The talks were attended by the Iraqi ambassador to Kuwait and top officials of Kuwait's Ministry of Interior.

## War is ending: Khamenei

MANAMA, Aug 8. (Agencies): Iranian President Ali Khamenei said today that Iran was "going toward peace with honour," and desired that there should never again be wars between Third World countries, Tehran reported.

The President described it as the "biggest war since World War II."

"This war is now ending," Khamenei said at a conference on the war in Tehran.

## Action

Tehran Radio monitored in Bahrain quoted him as saying: "We go to peace with honour and a desire that never again will there be war between Third World countries, except if the oppressed rise up against their oppressors and defend themselves."

Khamenei blasted the UN Security Council for two earlier resolutions on the war, passed before Resolution 598 of July 1987. The council's first resolution, he said, was "cool, careless and threatening" in tone.

If Iran had abided by the earlier resolutions, the President



A construction worker tests his luck underneath a restraining cable on top of the Bank of China building in Hong Kong prior to topping out ceremonies yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

the Japanese construction company, Kumagai Gumi.

In Beijing, they didn't care about all the eight liming up.

"It is a matter of superstition among the Cantonese... We do not have this habit in Man-darin," sniffed one office worker.

But if they were disdainful in Beijing, in Singapore they left nothing to chance.

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The day was also chosen to top out the new Bank of China, at 315 metres (1,033 feet) one of the world's six tallest buildings.

Not that the Bank of China wanted anything to do with it — the ceremony was arranged by the racing season starts next month.

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To mark 8.8.88, authorities organised a special draw and added 3,888,888 (\$384,000) to the first prize in the Mark Six lottery, only legal form of gambling in the British colony until the racing season starts next month.

For Cantonese speakers, today was all the eighth — the eighth day of the eighth month of the eighth year of the century.

In Cantonese eight — baat — sounds much like faat, which means prosperity.

"Nobody cares about the stock market today, all they care about is the jackpot," said a stockbroker for a US securities house in Hong Kong.

## Brisk

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A Foreign Office spokesman said David Reddaway, an Iranian expert and Persian speaker, would fly to Tehran on Thursday for two or three weeks.

The decision to send the diplomat followed Tehran's acceptance of a UN resolution for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and a promise by Iran to cease attacks on shipping in the

Gulf.

"Mr Reddaway's presence will help us to assess Iranian attitudes to all aspects of British-Iranian relations," the spokesman said.

Reddaway joined the British embassy in Tehran in 1977 in the commercial section as a third secretary. He left Tehran in 1980 after Britain closed the mission and asked Sweden to look after its interests.

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## INTERNATIONAL

American society is racist, says poll

NEW YORK, Aug 8. (AP): Twenty-five years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. declared his dream of racial equality, a majority of Americans say society remains racist, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

The national survey of 1,223 adults found broad agreement that the United States has moved toward equality since August 1963, when King voiced the goal in a celebrated speech. Seventy-one per cent said equality is achievable.

But of those who said it is possible, four in 10 said racial equality would not occur within their lifetimes. And 55 per cent of all respondents said American society is racist overall, while 37 per cent said it's not racist.

The poll found several other measures of concern over racial inequality in the United States. Among them:

While 54 per cent of respondents said blacks and other minorities have the same opportunities as whites right now, 42 per cent of all respondents, and 69 per cent of blacks, disagreed.

Majorities in all education, income and ideological groups, and in all but the oldest age group, said American society is racist overall. Fifty-three per cent of whites agreed, as did 68 per cent of blacks.

Respondents were evenly divided, 43-43, on whether minorities receive equal treatment in the nation's criminal justice system, and three in 10 said minorities are denied justice because of their race.

Among whites, 46 per cent said there is equal treatment in the justice system, while 40 per cent said there isn't and nearly 15 per cent said they did not know. Among blacks, 61 per cent said minorities are not treated equally.

The Civil Rights Act became law year later, prompting sweeping changes in the then-segregated South.

## Zia exploiting office for political gains

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8. (KUNA): A veteran opposition leader has accused President Zia-ul-Haq of exploiting his office to seek the support of the previous ruling party, the Pakistan Muslim League.

After sacking the Muslim League cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on May 29, the President has now realised that he has politically isolated himself, said Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, chief of the Pakistan Jamhoori Party, which is also a component of the nine-party opposition alliance Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

After returning to Multan from Sukkur, where he attended an MRD rally, Nawabzada said by interfering in the affairs of the PML, Zia was also violating the constitution.

Zia is trying behind the scenes to unite the former ruling party which has broken up into many factions after dismissal of Junejo. Zia also wants the Muslim League to elect a new leader in place of Junejo.

Junejo has decided to relinquish the presidency of the

party. Zia can now patronise the PML for the forthcoming elections.

If the elections were held on non-party system, Zia would indirectly try to put his entire weight behind the PML and ensure its victory and then invite it to form a government.

In the event of party-based elections, Zia would back the PML and would see to it that it swaps the polls.

The opposition parties have decided to launch a two-pronged campaign to alter the decision of the President to hold non-party elections. They will challenge the decision in the court and simultaneously hold meetings to mobilise public opinion.

Benefit Short of bloody street violence it is unlikely that the President would succumb to the opposition pressure. But if the court struck down his decision then he would stage polls on non-party basis.

With the exit of Junejo from the stewardship of the PML, the President will benefit both ways.

He is sure that PML-backed candidates would form parliamentary party after the non-party elections like they did in 1985 non-party elections and he would again transform it into a ruling party.

However, Zia's task will not be all over simply by the removal of Junejo from the leadership of the PML.

He has to make sure that the man who succeeds him is submissive and pliable and shares power with him equitably and does not try to take the lion's share.

Several names are being mentioned in this connection. They include Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Defence Minister Mahmood Haroon, Information Minister Elahi Bashir Somroo, NWFP Chief Minister Fazl-e-Haq, former NWFP Governor Fida Mohammad Khan, former Information Minister Kazi Abdul Majid Abid and former Chief Minister of Punjab Mohammad Hanif Ramay, who is now in the National People's Party of Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi but is reported to be willing to co-operate with Zia.

### Gaza lawyer in Cairo to see Murphy

## Egypt promotes US-PLO meeting

CAIRO, Aug 8. (Reuters): Egyptian officials said today they were trying to arrange a meeting in Cairo between US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and prominent Palestinians.

"We are trying to facilitate a meeting if both sides want it," said a senior Foreign Ministry official, who did not want to be named. "So far, nothing has been arranged."

"There is still a gap in terms of what each party is expecting from the other," said another Foreign Ministry official, who also requested anonymity.

"The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) wants an understanding that those attending a meeting are doing so on behalf of the PLO," he said. "The Americans want to meet them as individuals."

The US embassy in Cairo said

Rabin and top military officials in Tel Aviv.

"I've discussed America's concern that there is insufficient dialogue, shall we say, between Israel and the moderate Palestinians," said Murphy, adding he was not suggesting Israel talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

They said that Fayed Abu Rahme, a prominent lawyer from the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, was in Cairo to attend a meeting if one was agreed by both sides.

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## INTERNATIONAL



Masked students and Buddhist monks stand together while other students gather around the Shwedagon pagoda in Rangoon during protests against the government. (Reuters photo)

**Thousands hold protest rally in Rangoon**

## Burmese demand democracy

RANGOON, Aug 8. (UPI): Thousands of Burmese marched for democracy in heavily guarded Rangoon today, cheering as they passed the US embassy, and many called for the ouster of recently installed President Sein Lwin.

Heavily armed troops patrolled the city as some 30,000 demonstrators, some wearing hoods, marched through the city shouting anti-government slogans and calling for a general strike against the military-dominated socialist government.

Soldiers warily watched the chanting procession, in defiance of martial law regulations, but no clashes or violence were immediately reported as it made its way to the Sule Pagoda in downtown.

People crowded the balconies of homes and businesses along the entire route of the march, clapping, cheering and visibly supporting the protest, the largest demonstration against the hardline president since he replaced longtime leader Gen.

Ne Win on July 26. Demonstrators cheered as they marched by the US embassy, but US Marine guards locked up the Ambassador and Ambassador Bert Levin ordered all officials to stay away from the windows.

Troops

The 6,000 Army troops, diplomats said, were ordered into the city by Sein Lwin did not confront the procession until the crowd swelled to nearly 30,000 people in a charged incident that ended peacefully.

The military received four of Rangoon's main thoroughfares into one-way streets with one side of the roadway reserved for military traffic. Armoured cars rolled across the city earlier in the day and heavily armed troops manned checkpoints on roads leading into the capital.

"They are checking everyone entering the city for identification and searching them for pamphlets and weapons," one witness said.

The march, led by a large red

flag, began in the morning. Student demonstrators told United Press International that they were determined to force the ouster of Sein Lwin, a retired brigadier-general with a reputation of being tough on dissent.

"We want democracy. We want human rights—that means no Sein Lwin," one student said in his broken English.

Strike

Rangoon's central market and many shops in the capital closed in support of the nationwide general strike called by the demonstrators.

Dissident sources in Bangkok said student leaders were trying to contact Burmese Army regional commanders to win their support against the Sein Lwin government.

The Army, particularly middle-ranking officers long faithful to the one-party government when it was led by Ne Win, is said to be angry at the meager provisions sent to soldiers fighting against a number of ethnic insurrections.

"They used to eat irregularly in the wild," the paper quoted one zookeeper as saying. The zoo has also stopped providing appetizers of live chickens and rabbits to the felines—including the lions and leopards—to cut down on costs. Live animals are only a special food for the sick and weak, zoo officials said.

But there has been no change in the diet of the zoo's prized giant pandas, despite the soaring price of milk and the difficulty of obtaining arrow bamboo shoots—the only vegetable the fussy black and white animals will touch.

## Five die in Beirut clashes

BEIRUT, Aug 8. (UPI): Five people died in clashes south of the capital, including a pro-Syrian Palestinian guerrilla official attempting to mediate an end to the violence, security sources said today.

The sources said inhabitants of the village of Kiteymaya, 30 km south of Beirut in the Shouf mountain foothills, clashed with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades late Sunday.

It was not immediately known what started the fighting in the area controlled by the Progressive Socialist Party of Walid Jumblatt. Two people were killed and several were wounded in the clashes, the sources said.

Dissidents' counsel, Raja Aziz Adduse, asked for the appeal to be decided, as originally directed, by a full nine-bench quorum of supreme court justices because "it concerns not just members of UMNO or just Malays, but the country as a whole."

The five judges presiding over the appeal rejected his request.

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Observers said the death of Bashasha, could lead to the deployment of Syrian troops in the region.

## Court delays ruling on Mahathir party

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8. (UPI): Malaysian Supreme Court today postponed until Tuesday's decision on an appeal by 11 opponents of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad who are seeking to revive a former dominant opposition party.

The outcome of the appeal is critical for Mahathir who is facing an uphill battle in recruiting members to his reconstituted version of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO), backbone of the coalition government, which is known as New UMNO.

If the appeal is dismissed, the Prime Minister is likely to win a sudden groundswell of grassroots support for his new party in time for an Aug 25 by-election in southern Johore state which is viewed as a crucial test of his credibility as leader of the majority Malays and of the federal government.

Mahathir, who has purged New UMNO of detractors, also needs the court to reject the appeal so his supporters can lay claim to the old organisation's vast assets which were handed over to an official assignee after the high court declared old UMNO illegal Feb 4.

The Prime Minister's opponents had gone to court to have the bitterly fought leadership elections of 1987 declared null and void because of irregularities and have fresh polls ordered.

The judge, however, ruled UMNO itself an illegal entity because it had 30 unregistered branches under its umbrella.

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## Military 'accomplishments' praised

## Aquino hits back at critics

MANILA, Aug 8. (UPI): President Corazon Aquino, irritated by recent charges that her government has tolerated flagrant human rights violations, struck back at her detractors today saying the military should be proud of accomplishments.

"All the carping critics, who never risked their lives in combat, cannot diminish one bit what you have achieved this year," Aquino told the paramilitary Philippine Constabulary during a celebration of the national police force's 87th anniversary.

Several international human rights organisations have called attention to rampant rights abuses, including the recent murders of three human rights lawyers, which have been blamed on military and government-backed vigilante groups.

Aquino previously described as "biased" an Amnesty International report that was highly critical of the military.

"There is no need to list your achievements... in order to answer these critics," she said during ceremonies on the rain-slickened parade ground of the constabulary's headquarters.

"It is enough to recall that the communist threat became a military giant... which this



Aquino: defence

administration has cut off at the knees," she said in reference to the arrest this year of several leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippines and its military arm, the New People's Army.

Aquino has also been besieged with accusations of graft by her relatives and in the commission created by Aquino to clean up fraud and corruption remaining from the discredited administration of ousted ruler Ferdinand Marcos.

Aquino rejected those criticisms in her weekly radio programme yesterday evening, dismissing them as an attempt to "erode my credibility."

Meanwhile, a home-made bomb that failed to explode was found under a US Air Force sergeant's car at his home outside Clark air base, a base spokesman said today.

Capt. Maryellen Jadid said in a telephone interview from Clark that American bomb disposal experts defused the device shortly after it was found by a housekeeper early yesterday morning under the car of Sgt. Francisco Calabia.

A Filipino police officer, Dantillo Manalo, said the bomb's fuse was partially burned. It had apparently been lit and "must have been snuffed out by rain," he said.

A statement issued by Clark's public affairs office said Filipino and American investigators have not uncovered any motive or suspect in the attempted bombing, which occurred at a time of heightened security following increasing lawlessness around the base.

Communist rebels killed three Americans and a Filipino in attacks last October outside Clark, which is outside Angeles city, 80 kilometres north of Manila. More than 40 people have been killed in Angeles since May in murders that police blame mostly on communist rebels.

## Inflation hits hard at Beijing Zoo

BEIJING, Aug 8. (UPI): Inflation has hit hard at the Beijing Zoo, where the tigers are on a strict diet, the elephants have given up bananas for carrots and only the prestigious pandas still enjoy their traditional regimen of milk and bamboo shoots.

Zoo officials blamed soaring prices for the food cuts, noting their 3,000 mammals were not granted the government subsidies that human urban residents received this year to cushion them against higher costs.

Elephant residents at China's biggest zoo have not eaten their favourite food—bananas—in months as the cost of the fruit has quadrupled in recent years, the official China Daily newspaper said.

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## Afghans give warm send-off

# Soviet troops leave Kabul

KABUL, Aug 8. (Reuters): The first Soviet Army unit left Kabul today for the northern border following a send-off by Afghans throwing flowers.

The convoy included 500 men and about 100 vehicles from a mechanised unit, Soviet Army officials said. However, they declined to identify the regiment involved.

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Pakistan announced over the weekend that it captured the Soviet pilot of an intruding military aircraft from Afghanistan shot down by a Pakistani F-16 about 16 km inside Pakistan late Thursday.

The Defence Ministry said the pilot had parachuted to safety.

It was the fourth downing of an intruding aircraft from Afghanistan since the Soviet Union invaded its southern neighbour in December 1979.

A government official said yesterday the pilot was a Soviet national and was seized by tribesmen as he was wandering near the town of Miran Shah, about 180 km southwest of the frontier city of Peshawar.

The official said the pilot was flown out of Miran Shah yesterday in a Pakistani helicopter, but his destination could not be confirmed.

Konarovskiy said 25 of Afghanistan's 30 provinces would be cleared of Soviet troops within the next eight days. The Geneva accord specifies that at least half the Soviet troops be withdrawn by Aug 15.

## Bangladeshi wins award

MANILA, Aug 8. (AP): A Bangladeshi man who founded the most successful co-operative in his country has been named winner of the 1988 Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership, the award foundation announced today.

It cited Mohammad Yasin, chairman and former manager of Dendar Comprehensive Village Development Co-operative Society, for "moving rural Bangladeshis to self-reliance and economic security through an efficiently and honestly managed village co-operative."

The Ramon Magsaysay Foundation gives the award, named after a popular Philippine President killed in a 1957 plane crash, in five categories each year. Each award, Asia's version of the Nobel Prize, carries a cash prize of \$30,000.

The Foundation said Yasin, a former tea shop proprietor, started the co-operative in 1960 by convincing eight rickshaw men to contribute the cost of one cup of tea each to a joint fund.

Arab Times

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## Education faculty plans several programmes

THE Dean of the faculty of education at Kuwait University Dr Saad Al Hashel was quoted as denying that the faculty intends to create a department for information education to coincide with the opening of an information department by the Faculty of Arts at the beginning of the second semester — 1988-1989.

Al Hashel said that during the academic years 1988-89 and 1989-90, several programmes have been planned.

### Guidance

These include the educational guidance programme diploma, preparing teachers for retardant students, sponsoring a conference to determine the best ways to encourage outstanding students, implementation of an agreement between the faculty and the Ministry of Education and Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC), in addition to admitting about 500 students.

Al Hashel said that the agreement between the faculty and the Ministry of Education is aimed at co-ordinating efforts towards more progress in the field of education, in addition to arranging training courses for the faculty's personnel.

The official denied that the faculty admitted students who had low average percentages. He stressed that the average percentage was fixed at 70.2 percent as a minimum for arts and at a 62.2 per cent minimum for science.

He said that admissions were open not only for higher schools new graduates, but also to those

of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and the teachers institutes, provided the latter obtained a "very good evaluation" and had 60 percent as a minimum average at high schools.

Al Hashel clarified that the admission percentage is defined in the light of the state's needs for graduates.

Replies to a question, he said that many students refrained from joining the science division because classes were basically in English.

Additionally, he said, there was a lack of awareness and family guidance.

The credit hours system applied in the faculty was the result of serious and intensified studies on the very nature of education and took into consideration the psychology of students, he said. He added that the system had been applied at several countries and had proved efficient.

### Modification

However, the dean admitted, that the system in its present form needed some slight modification to tailor it to Kuwait's community nature.

Responding to a question on whether the faculty had found solutions to the curriculum problems at the faculties of science, letters and sharia (religion), Al Hashel said a committee was formed, and the faculty was keen to co-ordinate and co-operate with other faculties in this respect.

## Gulf market unimpressive



Dhows sailing off during the Fifth Marine Week

### By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Gulf market, which opened yesterday at Al Shata Garden, failed to impress visitors since the range of locally manufactured products on show was rather limited and offered little of interest to most people.

The market is one of the activities of the Fifth Marine Week, which started on Aug 4. A number of products from GCC countries were displayed, but

there were very few goods from agricultural and industrial companies.

Another part of the market featured the old souk in Kuwait and its wares. At the souk, many women gathered with their children to explain how different things had been used in the past.

The Souq corner, with its exhibition of handmade carpets, bags, abayas and daraas, stole the show.

During another activity, the

handicraft competition participants showed their skill in making fishing nets. All the traditional kinds of nets, such as qaraqeer, madarar and kirab, are still used by Kuwaiti fishermen.

Folkloric bands playing and singing sea songs entertained large crowds well into the night.

The GCC countries' diving trip started yesterday from Al Dhu'a Club at 9 am and the divers are expected to return on Friday, Aug 12.

## Vehicle collides with camel, nine killed

RIYADH, Aug 8, (AP): Nine people were killed and a 10th injured when a passenger vehicle collided with a camel on a highway linking the Red Sea town of Al Lith with Makkah in Saudi Arabia, newspapers said today.

The Arabic newspaper Al Madina reported the incident but did not specify when the tragedy occurred or if the survivor was the driver or a passenger. The victims were not identified.

Saudi Arabia's super-highways are generally safeguarded from wandering animals by fencing along the roads.

But frustrated herdsmen who want to move their beasts from one side of the road to the other sometimes cut holes in the fences to avoid travelling miles out of their way.

## Couple asked to submit pledge of good conduct

THE Criminal Court restrained from passing sentence on a man and his maid for having sexual relations for over four months. The court based its judgement on evidence that the couple had married.

In March this year, the man's wife suspected illicit relations between the two and reported the case to the police, who questioned the accused couple.

They confessed to having had relations and in court, the man produced a marriage contract he made and later documented in June. The court accepted this and also took into consideration that the maid was seven months pregnant.

Although the court issued no sentence, the couple were asked to submit a pledge of good conduct for two years.

### F-18 compromise

## US pleased with Kuwaiti acceptance

WASHINGTON, Aug 8, (KUNA): The State Department said today the US was "pleased" that Kuwait had accepted the compromise F-18 arms package proposed by the Reagan administration.

In a statement during the daily press briefing, spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley noted there had been "some modifications" to the package, including a change in the mix of missiles to go with the 40 F-18 jets being sold to Kuwait. The delivery of the planes would be extended through instead of being completed by 1993.

Kuwait originally had asked for Maverick "D" and "G"-type missiles, but after consultations with Congress the US altered the package. It offered, for example, only a larger number of G missiles and no D-type weapons.

"The sale will provide a defensive air capability which meets Kuwait's long-term requirements," Oakley said.

And she added that with Kuwait's acceptance of the compromise deal, "we are proceeding with implementation of the sale now."

## Search for black box might wind down

NICOSIA, Aug 8, (Reuters): Iran said yesterday that it might wind down its search for the flight recorder from the airliner destroyed by a US missile because Washington had admitted it was in the wrong.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted an informed source as saying Tehran believed it did not need to spend as much money as before on the search.

### Confessed

The reasons for the July 3 attack were quite clear and "even US officials have confessed the unnamed crime by their fleet," the agency quoted the source as

saying.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the flight recorder had virtually ceased transmitting the signals used to help find it.

Special equipment obtained from Britain to trace the signals had been sent back, the agency said.

All 290 people on board the Airbus were killed when it was shot down by the US cruiser Vincennes over the southern Gulf.

The crew of the Vincennes said they had mistaken the airliner for an attacking fighter. A US Navy investigation showed human error by the crew was to blame, according to US defence

officials.

Meanwhile, the international aviation experts probing the downing of an Iranian airliner said today they wanted to visit the US warship.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) experts are visiting Dubai to examine airport records of the Iran Air aircraft.

"We have had Iran's co-operation and I have no reason to think we will not get it from the United States too," delegation spokesman Christian Egi told Reuters.

The team arrived from Tehran on Sunday.

Egi said the team did not yet

have a full picture of the incident, which US officials have acknowledged was caused by human error on the part of the Vincennes crew.

### Hoped

The ICAO spokesman said he hoped the team would be allowed on board the Vincennes, which shipping sources said was now in the Indian Ocean.

The experts from the Montreal-based ICAO spoke to airport officials in Bandar Abbas while in Iran.

The ICAO team is due to leave for Abu Dhabi tomorrow to meet airport officials there, Egi said.

## Arab League delegates meet

NEW YORK, Aug 8, (Agencies): A high-level Arab League delegation led by Secretary-General Chadi Al Khuri met here last night to discuss ways to secure a comprehensive peace between Iran and Iraq.

Other delegates dispatched by the league's committee of seven are Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdul Latif Filali.

The three officials arrived here on Sunday and met later in the day at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Pins

The group plans to confer with United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and other UN officials today in New

York, and with the American Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington on Wednesday.

The committee was established in 1984 by the Tunis-based Arab League to follow developments in the eight-year-old Gulf war.

### To discuss

The officials' arrival coincided with Iran's announcement yesterday that would agree to an Iraqi ceasefire proposal. A day earlier Iraq dropped its demand for face-to-face talks prior to a truce, paving the way for yesterday's breakthrough.

Filali is also expected to discuss with the secretary-general the forthcoming UN-sponsored talks to settle the war.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Foreign Minister Taha Al Masri will head an Arab League mission to Britain and France to discuss the war, the official news agency Petra said today.

### Promote

Petra said the delegation, formed after the Arab League committee ended a meeting in Baghdad last week, would promote Baghdad's stand on UN efforts to implement Security Council Resolution 598.

De Cuellar plans to set a date for a ceasefire today.

Petra said Masri, Tunisian Foreign Minister Abdel Hamid Eschekli and Klibi would go to London on Thursday and to Paris next Monday.

## Jordan to present half a million plants

RELIABLE sources at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Wealth said that the Jordanian government will provide Kuwait with half a million plant units.

The decision was conveyed by Jordanian Minister of Agriculture Marwan Al Humoud through the Jordanian Ambassador in Kuwait, Nabil Al Talhouni.

The type of trees and methods of transporting them will be decided by Kuwait, sources indicated.

The director of the authority Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah said he appreciates the gift which reflects the brotherly relations

## Schools for Failaka

ABDULLAH Ibrahim Hassan, the controller of educational affairs at Failaka said that the Ministry of Education is planning to establish two schools at the island — one for boys and the other for girls.

He added, his department spared no efforts to help the summer clubs at the island, including providing scientific and sporting equipment in addition to transport vehicles.

## Summer clubs exhibition



Girls of clubs during the opening ceremony.

### By Khalil Al Rikabi

THE director of Jaffra educational area, Ibrahim Al Khail opened on Sunday morning an exhibition of products of the girls summer clubs of Jaffra, Sulaibiyah and Sulaibikhat.

Abdul Khail pointed out that there are about 4,000 pupils in

the seven summer clubs of Jaffra Educational Area. The three clubs for girls have 1,400 members, and four boys' clubs have 2,800 on the register.

He added that members practice cultural, sporting, scientific, social and practical activities. HH the Amir awarded prizes to outstanding members.

## ROYAL COURT

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday received a telephone call from HH the Amir congratulating Sheikh Khalifa on his recovery.

Sheikh Khalifa thanked the Amir for his concern, the Manama-based Gulf News Agency reported today.

The Bahraini top executive has recently undergone surgery in one of Riyadh's hospitals. His condition was described as satisfactory.

### Fahd's visit significant

CAIRO, Aug 8, (KUNA): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz's visit to Egypt this month has special significance since it is the first visit for the Saudi monarch after the establishment of diplomatic relations between Riyadh and Cairo, an official source said today.

In a statement to Kuwait News Agency today, the Egyptian official said the visit will be a remarkable development in Saudi-Egyptian relations and will reflect on future bilateral relations.

An agreement tantamount to a treaty will be signed during the visit, the official added.

The visit is expected to lead to increased Saudi investments in Egypt and stronger co-operation in trade and industry.

### Municipality projects

THE director of the construction department at Kuwait Municipality, Ahmad Al Subaihi, said that among several projects, the Shuaiba marine fire centre is the most important.

The department is also building a number of WC utilities in Kuwait City, Shuaiba vegetable market and at motorways.

The department will execute a sewage network project at the central slaughterhouse, and build two sheds at the fish and vegetables market, including offices for brokers.

The department is building a fish, vegetables and meat market in Jaffra area during the present five-year plan, which also includes houses for grave diggers, he said.

the chairman of the five-man Sudanese Supreme Council Ahmed Al Mirghani.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday that Iran and Iraq have agreed to ceasefire conditions and that he plans to announce the truce date today. The agreement became possible when Iraq gave up its insistence that a ceasefire be preceded by direct talks, a demand that Iran strongly opposed.

**Appreciation**  
Ramadan said Hussein's message to Mubarak "reiterated appreciation for Egypt's support of Iraq's legitimate defense of its national sovereignty and its effort to achieve peace."

This apparently referred to Egypt's arms aid to Iraq, which Western diplomats in Cairo valued at more than \$1.5 billion.

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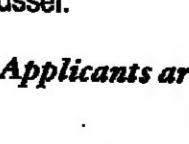
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The Japanese embassy held an embassy warming and Summer Survivors party at the new chancery on Sunday evening. The guests enjoyed a variety of Japanese and other East Asian dishes. Ladies enthusiastically took part in the numerous games arranged in the reception hall (left). The photograph above shows the Japanese Ambassador, Tadakyo Nomura (fourth from right) with guests.

## English

Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0805 Thoughts in Islam  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Songs and Music  
0930 They Sold a Million  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1100 Closedown  
1105 Songs and Music  
1200 News on FM Service  
Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 In the Latin Mood  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 On Islam  
2215 In the Groove  
2230 Daily Programme  
2300 Hit Special  
2330 Jazz in Action  
2400 Closedown

## BBC World Services

0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsread  
30 Beethoven

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timetings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act plays, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradyal — 2422973.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creation of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

0100 New Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Short Story  
45 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrim's Progress)  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 John Peel  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Without Strings  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 New Ideas  
40 Book Choice  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Hitting the High Notes  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare  
1400 Outlook, operating with 5-Minute News  
1500 Radio News  
1500 World News  
09 Reflections

15 Health Matters  
30 Beethoven  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 English Songsmiths (ex 2nd Glyndebourne — The Early Years)  
1000 News Summary (followed by The Pop Science Programme)  
30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrim's Progress)  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Waveguide (ex 9th and 30th Sportsworld cont'd).  
30 Beethoven  
1200 Radio Newsdesk  
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Recording of the Week (ex 9th and 30th Sportsworld)  
1400 Outlook, operating with 5-Minute News  
45 Without Strings  
1500 Radio Newsdesk  
15 A Jolly Good Show  
1600 World News

## FM Services

0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Italian Hour  
1800 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Songs and Music  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2200 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Beloved Qail  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
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1940 Radio Club  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Jahan Numan  
2100 Closedown

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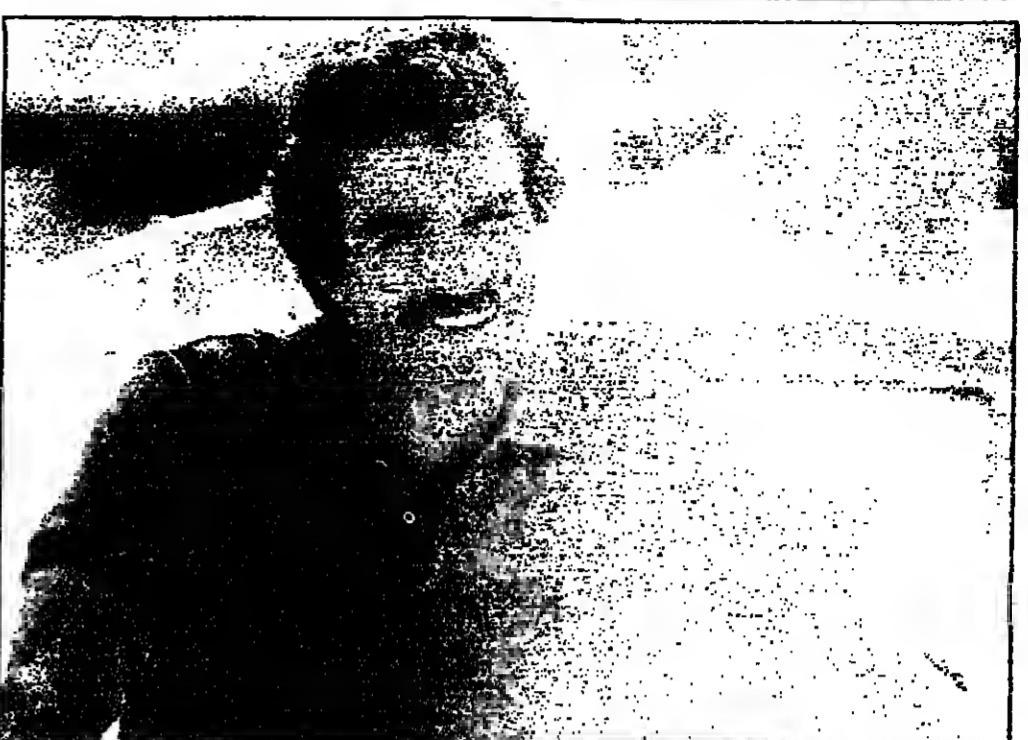
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Jahra  
Al Zebra Pharmacy  
Souk Jaddid

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Afrah Jaber Oun Attiya, Painter, musician and karate girl.

## Painter, musician and karate girl

AFRAH Jaber Oun Attiya, 14, was recently named the "Kuwaiti Karate Federation Girl." A black belt in karate, as well as a talented painter and musician, Afrah first stepped into the limelight at an international friendship karate championship, held in Kuwait a few months ago. She is now looking forward to representing her country in the World Championships.

Afrah (which means happiness in Arabic) owes much of her success to her father, who trained in the martial arts. She holds no official certificate in karate, but was awarded the black belt by the Kuwait Karate Federation in estimation of her courage and efforts. She dislikes violence.

Afrah plans to participate in the World Championships, to be held in Cairo in October. She hopes to win a medal for her country: she would present it to

HH the Amir. She has denied allegations that she is quitting competition in order to be a trainer, adding it was too early for her to do so.

Afrah is also very artistically inclined. She started playing the organ when she was eight and still plays occasionally, often to help her father cope with stress. She whiles away much of her free time doing glass engravings. She plans to study law.

Afrah believes that karate is an art form, with its own set of principles, not unlike her glass engravings. She rejects claims that it is a tough sport and not suitable for women.

Although she herself has had no professional training, Afrah trains a group of friends. Her elder brother Nayeef is a well-known karate player. He has participated in a number of championships and won five gold medals.

Magnum helps a lawyer in distress in tonight's episode, on KTV 2 at 5.40 pm.

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.15 Dawn Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Iman Mustaf Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki  
11.15 Ala Dunya Al-Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fayed  
12.15 Silver Spoons: starring Ricky Schroeder and Joel Higgins  
1.30 Ala Sarah: Arabic serial Variety show  
2.30 Hala Sedqi, starring Hala Sedqi, Salah Rashwan  
6.00 Cartoons  
6.45 Sunmr '88  
7.05 The World Around Us  
8.00 Weekly programme: For Sheikh Ali Al Jasar  
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring 10.00 Perfect Strangers: A

Samha Al-Sabah and Saad Ardash  
10.45 Nughoum Al Madina  
11.45 News summary  
11.50 World today via satellite Holy Quran Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Rubik  
6.30 Chocky: Matthew gains celebrity status as the story of his rescue and the role played by his "guardian angel" makes front page news.  
7.00 Australian Ark: "The Farthest West" A look at life in the desert territories of western Australia.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 You and the Law  
8.40 Magnum: Magnum helps his lawyer girlfriend stop the judge from interfering in her private life.  
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Murgueris  
10.00 Perfect Strangers: A

Hala Sedqi stars in the play Yateem, on KTV 1 at 4.15 pm. man whom Larry helped to put behind bars is released.

10.30 B.W. Feature film: "Stand-in" starring Leslie Howard and Humphrey Bogart. An expert is called in to help a movie company in financial straits.  
11.30 News summary Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



The Swiss community celebrated their National Day on Aug 1 at the SAS Hotel. Picture shows Dirk Meierhofer, the Charge d'Affaires flanked by Ali Behbehani, the guest of honour, and Mrs Fraenzi Flueier.

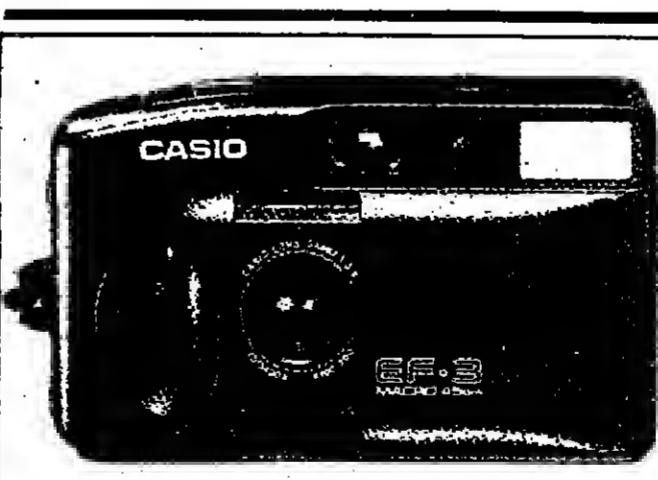
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## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
The Running Man  
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Al Salimiyah  
Reserved for Al Jazira  
Al Hamra  
White Apache  
Drive-in  
Al Folous Wa Al Wohoush  
Starring: Mohammed Subhi and Madha Kamel  
Al Firdous  
Zalzala (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra, Kimi Katkar, Shatrughan Sinha, Anita Raaj

Fahadeel Open-Air  
Do Di Ki Dastan (Hindi)  
Al Fahd...  
Warlords of Atlantis  
Starring: Doug McClure, Peter Gilmore, Shane Rimmer  
Al Jahra  
Atiyachar (Bengali)  
Granada  
Am Kiliyude Tharratu  
Malayalam  
Sulabkhata  
Puma Man  
Al Jeeb  
Mahan Bengali  
Ahmed Drive-In  
Ayam Fi London (Arabic)



CASIO has added an all-new "conventional" camera to its expanding camera line — the "EF-3."

Developed under a concept of "Just Aim & Shoot," the EF-3 makes it possible for virtually anyone to enjoy the exciting, memory-making world of photography, as the user literally has only to "aim & shoot" the camera for perfect photographic results.

While the EF-3 is offered at an extremely economical price, it offers features and functions previously not available in the popular camera range, including a "Macro Picture" function which allows the user to take clear, in-focus macro shots such as portraits. Moreover, a Macro/Flash switch is located conveniently near the shutter button, for easy, finger-tip operation.

The EF-3 is extremely compact, fitting easily in your pocket or the palm of your hand, making it perfect for virtually any photo-taking application.



Dharmendra co-stars with Kimi Katkar, Shatrughan Sinha, and Anita Raj in Zalzala, currently shooting at Al Firdous.

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## Thought for today

JUDGE a man by his questions rather than his answers  
— Francois Marie Arouet de Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

## Spratly Islands

## Next Sino-Vietnam flash-point

By Paul Anderson

HONG KONG. (UPI): A sprinkling of uninhabited sandbars, atolls and low-lying reefs in the middle of the South China Sea seems an unlikely site for the latest buildup of military forces in Asia.

Yet these chips of unpromising land, collectively known as the Spratly Islands, are claimed in whole or part by five nations — Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Malaysia and the Philippines. All of them maintain troops in the Spratlys and appear ready to defend their territorial claims by force if need be.

Only 33 of the 1,000 bits and pieces of land in the Spratlys qualify for actual islands. Except for the various military forces, they are uninhabited.

The Spratlys most recently made news when three US navy fliers crash-landed in the islands in July after their transport plane ran out of fuel en route from Singapore to the Philippines.

The uninjured fliers were rescued by Vietnamese patrol craft. In sharp contrast with usual relations between Hanoi and Washington, they were handed back to US officials just week later.

## Clash

More seriously, earlier this year the Spratlys were the scene of the most recent armed clash between Asia's rival communist powers, China and Vietnam. Their dispute threatens to drag other claimants to the strategic archipelago.

"This is all part of major political and military changes in the region," said a Western diplomat. "The Spratlys are important for naval and global regional strategy."

"China is the biggest actor in the region, and for various historic, economic and security reasons sees this part of the South China Sea as its sphere of influence and is determined to keep out any rivals, especially Vietnam."

Moreover, the Spratlys straddle commercial shipping lanes. They just might have extensive petroleum deposits.

Spread over some 65,000 square miles (168,000 sq km) of the South China Sea, the Spratlys

## American hostages in Lebanon

## Iran's bait for warming of relations

By Jim Anderson

WASHINGTON. (UPI): With Iran seeking to use American hostages in Lebanon as bait for a warming of relations with the United States, a State Department official said sardonically: "We always knew that the Iranian moderate would turn out to be a mullah running short of ammunition."

That summed up Iran's difficulties as strongman 'Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who increasingly appears to be Tehran's voice of reason, seeks to extricate Iran from a losing war effort, internal political strife and imminent economic disaster by using the nine US hostages as a bargaining card.

The United States, however, faces its own problems in how to respond to the fakers, especially after the Iran-Contra embarrassment in which Washington provided weapons to Tehran in return for what it feels were empty promises for release of the hostages.

## Wrestle

The lame-duck Reagan administration, hurtled once by Iran, has to wrestle with the American public's basic animosity to the Iranian regime combined with the humanitarian desire to gain freedom for the Americans held for up to three years.

Dealing with Tehran can be slow and painful, but there is at least one recent precedent to indicate that the United States and Iran may be able to resolve the hostage issue and begin easing nine years of hostility since the Islamic Revolutionary government took power.

In May Iran helped arrange for the release of France's last three hostages in Lebanon in return for economic gains.

The White House and the

## Idealists talk about United States of Europe

By John Yemma

BRUSSELS: In Brussels, Europe's contradictions are almost palpable.

On a cool summer day at the rather uninspiring, blocklike office park of Berlaymont where the European Economic Community (EEC) is headquartered, bureaucrats from a dozen nations labour to evolve Europe. Idealists talk about a common European currency, a common central bank — and the United States of Europe.

But only minutes away from the multiunit factory of Berlaymont is Woluwe St Stephens, one of Brussels' 19 ethnic communes. This one mixed Flemish-Walloons. Last winter, the Flemish mayor tried to shut off French-language directory assistance for the Walloons in her district. She did not succeed, but that she tried shows the differences that continue to divide the European system.

On the eastern end of the Community, Germany has concerns of its own. This is most readily seen in the question of money.

While Bonn is strongly pro-European, the real power is to be found in Frankfurt — in the austere concrete-and-glass box that houses the Bundesbank, Germany's powerful central bank.

*Independent*

The Bank of France and the Bank of England are not politically independent. The Bundesbank is. It uses its freedom to wage holy war against inflation. That has established the mark as the center of gravity for all the currencies of Western Europe.

The bank is gamely going along with EEC desires to study creation of a European central bank to manage European commerce. But Bundesbank President Karl Otto Pöhl has said any Euro-bank would have to be essentially a big Bundesbank.

That's not exactly what Paris and London have in mind. President François Mitterrand wants a "European bank of central banks," meaning a weak, back-up bank. Britain wants Bundesbank-type independence but not German dominance.

EEC leaders, meeting recently in a summit in Hannover, West Germany, were studying the issue. But with such big differences, officials of the Bank of France, the Bank of England, and the Bundesbank separately concede that a European central bank is a long way off.

Then there is the question of taxes. Each nation charges different levels of value-added tax (VAT), which is akin to a sales tax.

The British are particularly emotional about the VATs, especially the ones they would have to increase to come into line with the Community. Higher taxes on baby's shoes is a par-

ticularly upsetting example. "If you're a parent with children constantly growing out of shoes, you'd understand," says John Mayes of the DTI.

"I really don't believe the VATs can be harmonized by 1992," concedes Francis Maude, No. 2 minister in the DTI. "It's not a problem for trading purposes, but it will have to be addressed at some stage."

In France — where the government is a prime booster of 1992 unification — liberalized capital movement could cause big problems.

Most French government revenue comes by taxes on goods and services. In an open market, lower-tax German or British items would be more attractive. French shoppers would dart across the border. Tax revenues would plummet.

Income tax could compensate, but the French dislike income taxes. "It's a social problem, not a technical one," says André Gaucin, a high-ranking official in the Ministry of Finance. "We have no solution to this (tax) problem as yet."

In the past, the EEC members have finessed such problems by erecting invisible barriers — complex technical standards, mountains of paperwork — to take the place of the visible ones they were dropping. But 1992 is supposed to sweep away even the invisible barriers.

However, problems remain:

- Open internal borders could allow terrorists or drug dealers to slip through lax airports such as Athens or Rome and make their way to London or Bonn.

- The EEC has already man-



Margaret Thatcher



François Mitterrand

dated free movement of labour, but ethnic favoritism makes this difficult to achieve in practice.

- Political pressure could intensify if workers lose their jobs in a more internally competitive Europe; governments could fall back on protectionism.

"We're getting some hints now that the transition costs could be too high," says Pierre Jacquet of the French Institute of International Relations. But "it's too early for the conventional wisdom about 1992 to be challenged."

On a retaining wall just outside the Berlaymont is faded graffiti that reads, "Défendons notre identité." It is directed at French-speaking Walloons. It could also be the secret concern of governments as they consider giving up national sovereignty.

## Function

European government is somewhat like that of the United States during the Articles of Confederation just after the American Revolution. Each European Economic Community member is a nation in its own right. Giving up power to Brussels is not done lightly. This is how the three branches of EEC government function:

**EXECUTIVE:** The Brussels-based Commission of the European Economic Communities. This is like the executive branch in the United States. Members are appointed by governments for four-year terms.

**JUDICIAL:** The Court of Justice, based in Luxembourg, is like a combination of the US Supreme Court and the Justice Department. It has 13 judges and advocates general, all appointed for renewable six-year terms by governments of member states. This gives the judiciary substantial independence. The president (currently Jacques Delor of France) and vice-president serve for two-year renewable terms.

A sprawling bureaucracy

comes under the jurisdiction of the commission. It is headed by a secretary-general, David Williamson, and has 22 departments, ranging from foreign relations to fisheries.

**LEGISLATIVE:** The Council of Ministers and the European Parliament.

- The Council of Ministers resembles the US Senate when governors appointed senators. It is composed of ministers from each of the member states, delegated according to what subject (foreign affairs, economics, agriculture, etc.) will be discussed. They meet once a month. The presidency changes each six months. It is currently held by Greece.

Voting is either by simple majority, qualified majority, or unanimity, depending on the subject. Qualified majority voting gives large nations such as France, Germany, Italy, and Britain more votes than smaller ones.

Government leaders from the 12 member countries meet in a summit twice a year to oversee development of the EEC. The summit, held at the capital of the nation with current presidency of Council of Ministers, was held in Hanover recently.

- Like the US House of Representatives, the European Parliament is elected directly by Europeans (next elections in June 1989). It has 518 members and is generally an advisory body. The Parliament is based in Luxembourg, meets annually in Strasbourg, holds committee sessions in Brussels. This road show goes a long way to hamper the effectiveness of the Parliament. Lord Charles Plumbe of Britain is currently president of the Parliament.

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1946: Winston Churchill calls

## Turks watch Dukakis

By Sam Cohen

Dukakis has condemned the Turkish "invasion" of Cyprus and called for the withdrawal of Turkish forces and Turkish settlers from the island.

The presence of an official seven-member delegation at the United States Democratic Party's convention in Atlanta underscored the importance which Turkey places on this year's American presidential election.

The Turks are seeking to establish contacts with presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis, whose Greek background had spawned some misgivings here.

The Turkish press has kept a close eye on Dukakis' speeches and remarks made about him. And, so far, the image emerging from these reports has stirred public opinion here.

## Condemned

In the view of some Turks, Dukakis' speeches have left no doubt that he feels strongly about his Greek origins and is likely to commit himself to pro-Greek positions on thorny issues between Athens and Ankara.

Recently, he stated he would give special attention to the Cyprus "problem." Turkey and Greece have long been at loggerheads over the division of that Mediterranean island between inhabitants of Greek and Turkish origin. In 1974, Turkey landed troops on Cyprus, after a Greece-backed coup attempt.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service



George Bush

By April 26 the total of delegates supporting him from the states he had won had risen past the 1,139 majority needed to guarantee him the nomination. Bush's delegate total going into the convention is 1,998. He is essentially unchallenged, although Pat Robertson still retains the support of 93 delegates.

Some 2,277 Republican delegates from the 50 states and Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will attend the event, which is expected to be as carefully staged as the Democratic convention in Atlanta last month.

The parties have been increasingly relying on state-by-state primary elections to choose their presidential nominees, making the conventions less dramatic as they have assumed the role of a rubber stamp.

Bush has been considered unbeatable since his victories on March 8 on "Super Tuesday," when he won the contests in 16 of the 18 states voting that day.

## Reducing

The disenchanted networks have been reducing coverage and no longer have five "gavel to gavel" coverage from start to finish of each day's session of the quadrennial affairs.

Instead the networks concentrate on only two or three hours in the evenings so that they can cover the most important speeches and the nomination.

The highlights of the

Republican gathering will include Reagan's speech on Monday, the "keynote" address by Gov. Thomas Kean of New Jersey on Tuesday, the state-by-state roll call vote for presidential nomination on Wednesday and Bush's acceptance speech on Thursday.

Kean, a moderate, is popular with Democrats as well as Republicans in his home state, and urges his party to expand its appeal beyond traditional supporters — the affluent and middle-income whites.

## Excited

"We are extremely excited that the same voice of leadership that has inspired the people of New Jersey will be in New Orleans to send our troops out into battle," said Bush.

Bush has chosen a more conservative Republican, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas to give his nominating speech.

Gramm says he wants to "remind people what the world was like that cold day in January (1981) when Ronald Reagan and George Bush took the oath of office" to replace Democratic President Jimmy Carter and his vice-president, Walter Mondale.

Gramm says he will point up the successes of Reagan and Bush in office.

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## Drug smuggling in Jamaica

By Ed McCullough

KINGSTON, Jamaica. (AP): Harassed by crop burnings, air surveillance and cratering by police of illegal landing strips, drug barons have begun to smuggle marijuana out of Jamaica in shipments of pumpkins, books and flip-flop sandals.

Business leaders say the drug traffic threatens Jamaica's entire export industry, which along with tourism is the economy's most vibrant. Thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in precious foreign earnings are at stake.

"The problem is critical," said Lascelles Chin, managing director of Henkel Chemicals. "If this is not curtailed, we are all in for a tough time."

Shippers say with the tough government measures against trafficking, drug barons now are

managing to slip marijuana, or ganja as it is called here, into legal cargoes. Some have been detected by US customs agents and the shipping companies, even though they are unaware of the shipments, face heavy fines.

Many have become reluctant to handle Jamaican exports.

## Fined

In February, for example, a Kirk Lines ship, the Mercandian Supplier, was found to be carrying 13,000 pounds (5,900 kilos) of marijuana in its cargo of crackers bound for Miami, Florida. The US customs service fined the company \$103 million.

The biggest cargo carrier to serve this Caribbean nation, Evergreen Shipping of Taiwan, decided in June it will deliver but

no longer accept containers in

New Orleans found marijuana hidden aboard them in late 1986. The company is negotiating with US customs on the amount of fines to be imposed.

US customs ordinarily imposes fines at the rate of \$500 an ounce (28 grams) of marijuana found, but it offers companies the opportunity to present mitigating evidence in an effort to lower those set amounts.

Four Air Jamaica planes have been seized in New York and Miami after contraband drugs were found aboard.

Exports are vital to this poor island nation of 2.4 million people, where one of every four members of the work force is

unemployed.

As world markets and prices collapsed in the 1980s for Jamaica's traditional products — bauxite (from which aluminum is made), sugar and bananas — other exports have picked up the slack.

About 29,000 jobs were created in factories making dresses, pants and other clothes for US companies. Last year, exports raised more than \$700 million in foreign exchange, while Jamaica needs to buy oil, machinery, spare parts and food.

The exporters' response to the ganja barons has been to screen employees, implement tamper-resistant packaging, and monitor production and delivery closely.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By Dara Kavia

AHMED DEEDAT, whose towering 6'3" frame and grey-streaked beard give him an imposing look, is a versatile Muslim orator who can hold his audience spellbound for hours.

He has a wide following in many states of the Middle East, Britain and the United States. He is now visiting his native India on a lecture tour.

Among Islamic theologians, he is a phenomenon because he has had no formal training in theology.

Except for Quranic verses, he knows no Arabic and is also poor in Urdu. His mastery is over the English language, with an adequate command of Gujarati, his mother tongue.

Saibah Deedat, as he is popularly known in some Arab countries, was born in India, near Surat. At the age of seven, he migrated with his family to South Africa and is presently a Durban-based South African citizen, from where he operates his Islamic Propagation Centre (IPC).

Scion of a trading family, Deedat gave up business in 1959 and took his 'mission in life' which was to propagate Islam through lectures and debates.

He and his brother Abdullah founded the IPC, which has now grown into a huge centre for Dawa (Islamic propagation), boasting a modern conference hall, library, publishing facilities and a video production unit.

Deedat is as much an authority on the Bible as the Quran, and his expertise on the former is apparent from the titles of his lectures: 'The Quran or the Bible, which is God's word? The Muslim and the Missionary, Mootooch and Trinity, The Bible in Islam, and Jesus, the beloved Prophet of Islam.'

## Anguish

Several years ago, Deedat had sent a widely publicised telegram to the late Pope Paul inviting him to embrace Islam, which was later changed to seeking only a meeting with the Pope.

Since then, he has annually renewed the demand for the meeting, but without response.

The preacher's antics arouse anguish, anger, resentment and sometimes also amusement among Christians, who cannot

# Man with a mission

Indian-born Ahmed Deedat, South Africa's most colourful exponent of Islam is a phenomenon in the Islamic world. He has no formal training in theology, but can hold his audience spell-bound for hours with his mastery over the Holy Quran and the Bible.



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counter him publicly in Muslim countries.

Early this year, Deedat received an unexpected moral boost when the American TV evangelist, Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, with whom Deedat had held a TV debate in November 1986, was defrocked by his Church after confessing that he had indulged in offensive sexual activities.

The Deedat-Swaggart debate was held in three-hour sessions in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Deedat received a rich

reward when he was awarded the King Faisal International Award for the Service of Islam for 1986. The award, given annually by the Saudi government, is a kind of Arab counterpart of the Nobel Prize for literature.

"I will not hesitate to say that the governments of the Middle East are indifferent to the Christian propaganda being carried out in their area through radio, TV and mail," says Deedat.

He is annoyed about the fact that irrespective of the official curbs on churches and mission-

aries, the area is "flooded with tent-makers and their abodes."

He identifies a 'tent-maker' as one who comes to the area on a professional assignment but is, in reality, a disguised missionary who then carries out missionary work in flats and private houses.

At the same time, Deedat maintains that he is "not anti-Christian." "How can I be when we are part of the Ahle-kitab?" he asks (Ahle-Kitab, meaning People of the Book, relates to the mention of Christians and Jews in the Quran). "It is natural for a religious

group to feel resentful when things which militate against its belief are said. But I know that most Christians do not regard my views as an attack," bestresses.

Ahmed Deedat's views on South Africa are equally unconventional — he holds that, since the country's problem is political and not religious, only religion can help to rid it of the apartheid stigma.

"There is complete religious freedom in the republic and all faiths can preach within their own areas and neighbourhoods," he claims.

## Struggle

The struggle against apartheid includes all non-whites but only the Christian side of it receives prominence, he complains.

Muslims form only two per cent of the country's population of 32 million, but they are making 20 per cent of the sacrifices, a fact which is little known.

"The press is full of Steve Biko (the black nationalist who was tortured to death while in prison), and Nelson Mandela on Robben Island (where leading revolutionaries are jailed), but it doesn't mention that the leading Indian Muslim fighter, Dr Yusuf Dadi, had to flee the country and died in London several years ago."

Maulvi Kauchia also had to flee South Africa, while Imam Abdullah Harroon died in prison. Ahmed Hafeji and Ahmed Timol died while in detention. Why isn't this mentioned?" asks Deedat.

According to the preacher, the present black struggle is not likely to lead to any tangible result because "there is simply too much wealth, power and dominance at stake."

People don't know that South Africa generates more electricity than the rest of the African countries put together, and 60 per cent of the black continent's total industrial production is in South Africa.

The white man is not going to give up all this for nothing. There is only continuous bloodshed in store for South Africa. And the problem will only be solved when the whole country goes Muslim, because there is no racism in Islam and the blacks and the whites will all be equal," concludes Deedat.

Courtesy: Illustrated Weekly of India

# Plain clothes Pope shows human side of the papacy

By Philip Pullella

VATICAN CITY. (Reuters) — Pope John Paul has transformed the face of the papacy in many ways but one of the most fundamental changes was brought vividly home this month not at the Vatican but in the mountains of northern Italy.

Before he assumed the papacy in 1978, popes were usually aloof, distant figures, virtual prisoners in the Vatican who had only limited contacts with ordinary people.

Newspaper photographs of the pope dressed in anything other than his white cassock or religious vestments were unthinkable.

## Natural

But just month when Vatican officials released pictures of the pope hiking in ordinary clothing through the fog and over the streams of the northern Italian mountains they seemed natural, not shocking or incongruous.

The pictures showed the 68-year-old pope, who was on a 10-day private retreat in the Dolomites, dressed in baggy trousers, hiking boots, a windbreaker jacket and white cap.

Resting in a mountain stable, walking with stick in hand through thick morning fog or crossing a stream, the pope looked like any elderly man contemplating his past.

The remarkably human pictures — one close aide said he feared they were "perhaps too human" for public consumption — showed just how much the image of the papacy has changed in 10 years.

Pope John Paul has dramatically shortened the previously long list of the things pontiffs are not expected to do.

He dropped the distant, pontifical 'we' when referring to himself, has travelled the world to visit Catholics rather than oversee the church from isolation in the Vatican and last became the first pope in modern times to take a holiday elsewhere than the papal summer retreat at Castelgandolfo, near Rome.



Pope John Paul II, on a private holiday in northern Italy wearing a windbreaker, pants and cap surprised some of the faithful, who are used to seeing the pontiff in his white robes.

Many church observers believe a psychological turning point for the pope and a new era in how the public views the papacy were reached several days after he came within a hair's breadth of death in a May 13, 1981 assassination attempt in St. Peter's square.

While recovering from severe bullet wounds the pope allowed himself to be photographed sitting up in a hospital bed.

## Vulnerable

The first photograph of a pope in other than religious garb, it showed him wearing a white hospital robe, intravenous tubes protruding from his arms.

He appeared gaunt, human, as vulnerable as any man to the violence of modern times.

On the last day of his retreat — during which he took hikes of up to eight hours in the

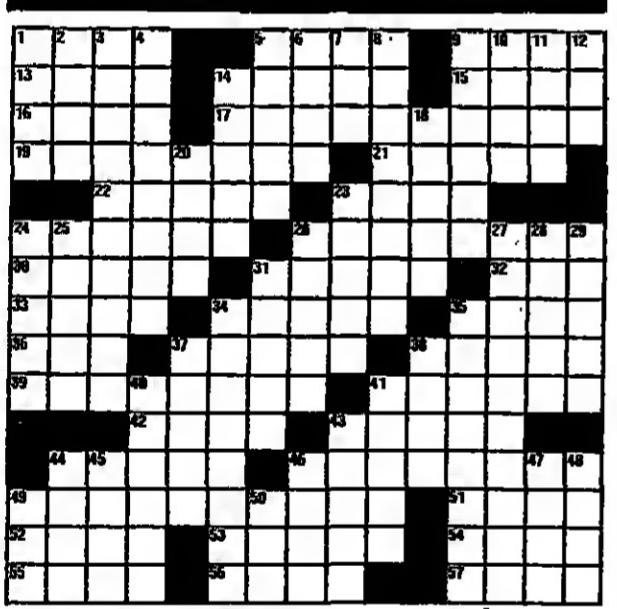
mountains above the Dolomite hamlet of Lorenzago — the pope was asked if he was not afraid of appearing too much as an ordinary man.

"Why be afraid of showing yourself to be a man among men? If Christ was not afraid to show himself to be a poor man and crucified, how can we have such a fear? This is normal thing," he said.

Gigetta Costola, an elderly woman who runs Lorenzago's only general goods store, had no qualms about seeing pictures of the pope in garb other than his familiar white cassock.

But she thought a man of his stature should dress more smartly. So she guessed his size, wrapped a pair of her best corduroy knee-length hiking trousers in plain brown paper, and sent them to the pope via a Vatican side.

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- 18 Calves
- 20 Speaker of baseball
- 23 Rapier's kin
- 24 Sour
- 25 Distress: Sp.
- 26 Church areas
- 27 Guyana's capital
- 28 Ludicrous
- 29 Correspond
- 31 Pardon me
- 32 Set of organ pipes
- 35 Warbler, e.g.
- 37 Trouph
- 38 Year
- 40 Relies on
- 41 Jury
- 43 Sticks in the mud
- 44 Turner of movies
- 45 Glacier ridge
- 46 Kristofferson
- 47 Olive genus
- 48 Promontory
- 49 Stand at the plate
- 50 Baseball stat.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦K984 ♦AQ93 ♦Q82 ♦73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦A532 ♦Q932 ♦Q82 ♦73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦83 ♦AQJ6 ♦954 ♦KJ63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠  
1 NT Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦83 ♦AQJ6 ♦954 ♦KJ63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
What action do you take?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦873 ♦AJ1032 ♦A6 ♦KS4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦873 ♦AJ1032 ♦A2 ♦KS4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 1 ♠  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
What action do you take?

## THE WIZARD OF ID



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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS

## Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not delay something you know ought to be done right away. Try not to allow some small matter to be blown out of all proportion. Take a little better care of your health. Be prompt.

## Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should show a little more sympathy towards a old friend who has had a rough deal. Avoid allowing yourself to be preoccupied with negative thoughts. Make sure you eat a healthy diet. Be moderate.

## Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have to act fast if you do not want to miss a good opportunity. Do not trust to luck to get you out of trouble. You must be a little more patient. Be alert.

## Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Something you had feared might happen will not. However you must not place too much trust in luck and must be on the lookout for mistakes. Do not expect to get something for nothing. Be resilient.

## Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to have a pleasant day. You will have plenty of energy but must make sure you do not set off in the wrong direction. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be more optimistic.

## Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

At first you will feel a little nervous and unsure of yourself but later you will find your own feet again. You should not retire into yourself. Avoid driving too long or too fast. Be amenable.

## Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should not place too much reliance on others. You must take care to avoid a small problem becoming a large issue. Make sure you do not let yourself be distracted. Be a little more abstemious.

## Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to catch up with a matter that has fallen behind. You should do your best not to make a nuisance of yourself. Make sure you do not neglect your health. Be moderate.

## Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not hesitate to give thanks for other people's generosity. You will be on far better terms with your neighbours. You should keep your head and spirits high. Be confident.

## Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should not allow your emotions to get the better of you. You should avoid taking everything at its face value. Make sure you do not leave things until the last minute. Be less complacent.

## Aquarius (Jan 2



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Venezuelan energy minister resigns

## World oil prices rise on Gulf peace prospects

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuters): Oil prices rose today on hopes that a ceasefire between OPEC founder members Iran and Iraq may reunite the organisation in its efforts to curb excess production, traders said.

The price of Brent blend crude from Britain's North Sea, the most widely-traded international grade, firmed by as much as 35 cents a barrel in 'spot' or free markets after UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he planned to announce a ceasefire date today.

**Unlikely**

Brent for lifting in October, the most active forward month, traded as high as \$15.35 per barrel.

"Peace is bullish," one trader said.

He was among those who

expect peace to boost unity within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But some other traders and analysts say peace may bring lower prices in the longer term as Iran and Iraq might pump more oil to repair shattered economies.

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said over-production by OPEC members may require an emergency ministerial meeting of the group, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Friday.

Oil prices fell last week after a meeting of the organisation's five-member ministerial pricing committee which traders judged did nothing to deal with the prevailing glut. Brent fell to around \$14.40 a barrel on Thursday.

### Candidate

President Jaime Lusinchi has accepted Hernandez Grisanti's resignation and will swear in Deputy Energy Minister Julio Cesar Gil as his replacement.

Venpres quoted sources close to the Presidential Palace as saying.

Venpres gave no reason for the resignation of Hernandez

Grisanti, who has served as energy minister since February 1984, when Lusinchi took office for a five-year presidential term.

Hernandez Grisanti, 60, had been widely expected to step down from his ministerial post before Sept 4 in order to qualify as a candidate for the Senate in upcoming general elections.

Under Venezuelan electoral law, all cabinet ministers wishing to stand as parliamentary candidates must give up their posts at least three months before the elections on Dec. 4, 1988.

Hernandez Grisanti has been nominated by the ruling Democratic Action (AD) party as a candidate for a Senate seat, political sources said.

Gil, the incoming energy minister, is a mild-mannered career diplomat who has served as a

petroleum attaché in Venezuelan embassies abroad.

In 1986, Hernandez Grisanti served as president of the OPEC at a time when prices plunged from more than \$30 a barrel to a low of under \$10 a barrel.

Last year the minister vigorously criticised Gulf Arab OPEC states that said were overproducing and contributing to weak oil prices, but he refrained from singling out and identifying any nation for violating its quota.

### Promoter

Last month, however, he criticised the UAE by name for being a factor in keeping world oil prices significantly below the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel.

The UAE last June authorised producers to pump up to 1.5 million barrels a day (BPD), far

above its quota of 948,000 BPD. OPEC secretary-general Subroto visited the UAE late last month for talks on the matter.

Hernandez Grisanti was also a vigorous promoter of recent OPEC attempts to reach a production cutback accord with non-OPEC nations.

His contacts with Mexico, the other large oil producer in Latin America, were especially useful in trying to forge an OPEC/non-OPEC accord, as were his talks with officials from neighbouring Colombia, a growing independent oil producer.

Hernandez Grisanti's resignation was announced by Venpres together with that of Interior Minister Jose Angel Ciliberto.

Ciliberto is also expected to stand for a parliamentary seat in the elections next December.

## Gulf war risk cargo insurance rates to fall

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuters): War risk insurance premiums for cargoes on ships sailing to and from most Gulf ports are being reduced on prospects of an Iraqi-Iran ceasefire, the marine insurers London-based war risk rating committee said today.

The reductions effective Tuesday reflect a decline in attacks on shipping and prospects of an imminent ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf conflict, it said.

Rates to shipments of crude oil, petroleum products and gas cargoes to and from Kuwait and northern Saudi Arabian ports will be cut to 0.25 per cent of the value from 0.375 per cent.

Those for all other cargoes in this area will drop to 0.2 per cent from 0.3.

The same rates will also apply for Ras Tanura, Bahrain and UAE United Arab ports up to just outside the Straits of Hormuz, excluding Iran.

But the northern part of the Gulf covering Iraq and Iran and including Iran's big Kharg island oil terminal will remain on a 'held cover' basis, with charterers having to apply for a quotation for each individual voyage.

### Cargoes

An 0.375 per cent premium will apply for all cargoes for several other Iranian ports, against 0.5 per cent previously.

Rates for ships' hulls as against cargoes are also likely to fall.

Meanwhile, 'spot' oil prices gained up to 30 cents to around \$15.25 a barrel on hopes that a ceasefire between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran might lead to better cooperation in the organisation on curbing excess production.

**UK and Japan pay half their '88 contributions to FAO**

ROME, Aug 8. (Reuters): Britain and Japan have each paid half their 1988 contributions to the financially-troubled United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the agency said today.

It said Britain had paid around \$7 million while Japan had contributed around 14 million. A spokesman said the money from both countries was received in July.

"We hope that they will be able to pay the rest as soon as possible to alleviate a far-from desirable financial situation while we are engaged in major campaigns against locust infestations that threaten much of Africa," a spokesman said.

The FAO's major contributor, the United States, paid \$25 million of blocked contributions in late July after settling a row over budget procedures.

### Crisis

Several major donor countries in the 158-nation agency, which faces a severe cash crisis because of the withholding of contributions, have protested that they do not have enough say in the way a budget is drawn up.

The United States, Britain, Canada and Australia opposed the agency's 1988-89 budget of \$92 million at a FAO conference in November when director-general Edouard Saouma on an unprecedented six-year term despite their opposition.

But a meeting in May of FAO's finance and planning committee answered many of their concerns by agreeing that a sum would in future consult member nations before drawing the biennial budget.

## Congress for new international debt authority

WASHINGTON, Aug 8. (AP): The US Congress has gone on record as favouring a new international body to buy up some of the Third World's \$1.2 trillion debt at a discount and pass the benefit on to the debtor countries.

The benefit would consist of smaller payments of interest, which now cost the debtors tens of billions every year. The debt would be reduced in face value, repackaged and sold to new creditors.

A plan to set up the body, to be called the International Debt Management Authority, is part of the 1,000-page trade bill on which the Senate completed congressional action on Wednesday.

It now goes to President Ronald Reagan, and is expected to become law.

### Negotiations

One section of the bill calls on the US Secretary of the Treasury to start negotiations with US allies to set up the new authority. But it contains an "escape hatch" that excuses him from acting if he finds the negotiations would encourage debtor governments to default, or would tend to reduce the value of the debts on the market. He would have to explain this position to Congress.

US Treasury officials have argued that opening such negotiations would in itself lower creditors.

the value of the debt, which has in any case been declining on the narrow market that exists.

Another approach to international debt is contained in a separate bi-partisan bill under consideration in the House of Representatives. This bill, which is unconnected to the trade bill, would propose progress on debt reduction to a new US contribution to the World Bank, which has been urged by the Reagan administration.

The World Bank is owned by 151 countries, with the United States holding the largest block of shares. It is the largest source of aid to Third World countries and among their biggest creditors.

As the bill now stands it would promote setting up a system of debt relief through the bank, with some guarantees to creditors who agree to reduce the payments they get from any debtor country.

### Approval

This bill has been approved by a House sub-committee and is expected to go before the full banking committee, possibly as soon as next week. But it would still need the approval of the whole House of Representatives, and of the Senate before it could go to Reagan for signature to become law.

It could also be amended at various stages before it reached Reagan.

## Bahrain awards \$74m gas expansion project

BAHRAIN, Aug 8. (Reuters): Bahrain will award a Japanese company a \$74 million contract to expand its natural gas processing plant by nearly 50 percent, an industry official said today.

JGC Corp has been chosen to

build two new compressor stations and a second process train at the Bahrain National Gas Company (BANAGAS), production manager Ali Al Gindy told Reuters.

The new project will increase production of propane, butane and naphtha to 250 million cubic feet per day from 170 million, he added. The new capacity is mainly for export.

### Decision

A spokesman for Al Saad confirmed that his company plans to comply, a decision he said was based on the wishes of several hundred thousand depositors.

An official at Al Rayan company, which had previously said it may have to liquidate, said the company would probably continue to operate and will make a formal announcement tomorrow.

The regulations, in an appendix to the June law, stated that companies will be forbidden from receiving deposits in excess of tenfold their capital without exceptional permission from the ministry of economy.

Depositors will receive money certificates stating clearly the company's capital, the name and nationality of the depositor, and methods for distributing profits or losses. All companies must have a clear and open book-keeping system, the appendix said.

## Soviet scientist calls for programme to 'save our country'

MOSCOW, Aug 8. (Reuters): A Soviet scientist has called for a massive programme to make the country self-sufficient and clean up its environment and said architects of Kremlin reforms were spending too much time on economic theory.

"We don't need the mathematical equations of economists. We need a programme for how to save our country," Moscow scientist M. Antonov wrote today in Sovetskaya Rossiya, the newspaper of the Russian federation.

The programme should spell out "how to revive ruined lands, how to clean up polluted rivers, how to restore forests, how to secure the technological, economic and political independence of the country," Antonov said.

### Strong

He criticised leading economist Leonid Abalkin, a strong advocate of reform who has inspired Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, for peddling outdated ideas during the recent Communist Party conference in Moscow.

In his speech to the conference, Abalkin said little economic headway had been made in the past three years and the Soviet system of central planning needed radical change. Abalkin also contributed an article to Sovetskaya Rossiya last month in which he said state planning bodies were lagging behind the ideas of economists.

Antonov countered that many recent instructions from leading economists were so complicated that they actually hindered the Kremlin's programme of Perestroika, or reconstruction of the national economy.

### Problems

He added that the Soviet Union faced many problems that could not be solved by purely economic reforms or incentives.

"We have brought many regions of the country to ruin. To continue to develop public production, leaning only on economic methods and criteria, means to turn our land into a desert," he said.

## Mustafa signs appendix to a law regulating investment firms

in public sector banks, the report said.

The risk-sharing method avoids payment of fixed interest, banned by Islam, but many officials and bankers were concerned the unregulated companies posed a serious danger to the economy.

They feared new deposits were being used to pay current accounts, and that a run on the companies might reveal empty vaults and spark social unrest.

The companies denied the charges.

Egyptian officials have sought to reassure depositors, many of whom have been unable to withdraw funds from some companies since the law was signed.

A spokesman for the ministry of economy said the firms will have three months effective tomorrow to decide on their status. Firms wishing to close down will be given two years to pay back depositors and wind up their affairs.

**Schemes**

The Islamic investment firms, operating risk-sharing schemes that give depositors a share in profit or losses, had paid over 20 percent returns compared to up to 13 percent offered by banks.

A confidential report by a public sector bank estimated that four leading Islamic companies had 375,000 depositors and together controlled 4.3 billion Egyptian pounds (\$1.9 billion).

This was equal to 14 percent of total deposits in Egyptian commercial banks at the end of June 1987 and 21 percent of deposits

the new regulations.

Capital Markets Authority spokesman Abdel Hamid Ibrahim told Reuters two of the major firms, Al Saad and Badr investment companies, have started their desire to comply with the new law. He said other major companies such as Al Rayan and Al Hoda have not yet approached the authority.

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## UK house prices rise by 4.3pc

Lumsden, of the society's planning and research department.

The current house price inflation rate is the highest since the 29 percent recorded in 1979, but is lower than the boom of 1972-73.

Flat buyers in London's docklands are being offered £1,000 a month for a year by a builder and an Abbey National Building Society subsidiary if they exchange contracts before Aug 31.

The offer, which should cover the mortgage payments for the first year on the £97,000 one-bedroom flats, was made recently by Fairground Homes and Abbey National Homes.

### Sales

Twelve first-time buyers have already put down their names for the properties at Orion Court on the Isle of Dogs.

There is a £10,000 cash alternative but so far all the buyers have opted for the monthly payments.

Paul Roberts, sales director, said: "We are making the offer to maintain our sales rate through August, which is expected to be quiet following the increase in mortgage interest rates and the withdrawal of dual tax relief."

The ministry rejected another request by the said bank on June 7, the spokesman added, recalling that the assistant under-secretary for commerce had explained this point in numerous occasions and in the press.

Sam Courban, 41, who bought the bay with his flat in 1986, said only two callers had shown interest, but he was confident of getting the asking price.

July, priced nationally increased by 28 percent.

In East Anglia the average increase over the years to the end of July was 55 percent, as people moved out of London in search of affordable properties.

This trend includes the West Midlands, which had the biggest regional rise last month at nine percent.

There are signs that prices in Greater London and the southeast are beginning to slow. The society has been surprised by the pace with which regional prices have caught up.

The average London price is now £94,800 after a 25 percent rise over the year. In East Anglia, the average property is £36,000.

The national average price stands at £62,881, with the average new price costing 30 percent more than a year ago at £72,868.

"We should see a slowing up in the rate of house price inflation to about 23 percent by the end of the year, which is still a pretty borrows figure with incomes rising at eight percent," said Ian

longer we're going to see drought bills."

Under the Federal Crop Insurance programme, farmers can choose, within a range, what portion of their



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

LONDON - General Electric Capital Corp, a unit of General Electric Co, is issuing a 175 mn Canadian dlr Eurobond due Oct 1, 1993, paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Chase Investment Bank Ltd said. (RTVY 0907)

London - Ford Motor Credit Company, a unit of Ford Motor Co, is issuing a 100 mn Canadian dlr Eurobond due Aug 31, 1990, paying 10-1/8 pct and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTZL 1454)

London - Kredietbank International Finance NV is issuing a 75 mn Canadian dlr Eurobond due Sept 13, 1991, paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTZK 1453)

Paris - Kawasaki Steel International Finance PLC, a unit of Kawasaki Steel Corp, is issuing a 50 mn dlr, 9-3/4 pct Eurobond due Sept 9, 1993 at 101-1/2 pct lead manager Credit Lyonnais said. (RTWY 1041)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11 10-3/4	10-7/8 13/16	11-1/8 11
FFT	4.95/5.00	5.00/10	5.20/30
PAR	6-15/16 7-1/16	7-1/16 3-1/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
EKA	4.10	6-3/4 3/4	7-00 1/8
KOR	10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
ANS	5-1/4 5-3/8	5-3/16 5-5/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
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## Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	6-1/4	6-9/16
	3 months	6-3/16	6-9/16
	6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
	1 year	6-1/4	6-5/8

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57.50	57	57.50	MICO	590	590	585	
ACC	250	252.50	248	GRASIM	47.50	47.50	47	MUKUND	83	85.50	84
ASIA PAINT	157.50	165	160	GSFC	108	107.50	107	NOCIL	495	510	500
BAJAJ AUTO	261.25	262.50	265	HIND LEVER	69.50	69	69.25	PEICO	31	30	31
BAR. RAYON	235	240	230	HINDALCO	93	93.50	92	PFIZER	59.50	60	61
BON. DYEING	115.50	122	115.50	HINDCOCOA	81.25	88.75	85	PRE-AUTO	33	34.50	32.75
BR. BOND	86	87	86.50	HINDMOTOR	26.75	26.50	25.87	RAYMOND	49.50	48.50	48
BSE INDEX	600.63	600.98	601	IND ORG	24	25	24	RELIANCE	202.50	202.50	200.50
CENTURIONSPG	892.50	890	892.50	INDRAYON	68	68	67	SIEMENS	69.50	68	70
COLGATE	220	222.50	222.50	INDROL	165	162.50	167	SPIC	50.75	51	50.25
EI. HOTEL	49	48	49.75	JKS YITH	66.50	68	67.25	TATA PWR	252.50	250	252.50
ESKAYEF	120	121.25	121.25	L A M T	119	119	113.50	TATACHEM	75	75.50	74.75
ESSAR	18.75	18.25	18.75	MANINDRA	59	59.25	57	TECO	690	705	700
GAR. POLY	79.25	78	79	MASTERSHR	10.40	10.25	10.50	TISCO	821.25	825	817.50
GE.SHIP	28.75	28.87	28.50	MATHER PL	50	49.50	48.50	VOLTAS	317.50	315	322.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLE
AEG	202.3
ALLIANZ VR	1567.0
BADENMERK	182.0
BAASF	265.5
BAYER	300.7
BAYER HYP	334.0
BAYER VER	335.5
BHF	425.0
BMU	497.0
CORNERZBK	230.0
CONTI GUMM	262.3
DAIMER BEN	674.0
DEUTSC BNK	483.0
DLW	368.0
DRESDNER B	257.2
DT BAUBOCK	185.0
FAZ INDEX	495.25
FELDMUEHLE	277.5
GOLDSCHMID	298.8
HARPERER	430.0
HOECHST AG	284.5
HOESCH	151.2
HORTEN	201.0
HUSSEL HALO	425.0
KALI SALZ	168.5
KARSTADT	416.0
KAUFOH	356.0
KLOECK H	138.3
KLOECK W	101.00
LINDE	696.0
LUFTFANS	143.0
MAN	207.5
MANNESMAN	176.0
MERCDES	534.0
METALLGES	313.0
NIXDORF PF	454.0
NORSK HYD	61.00
PHILIP KOM	595.0
PORSCHE	566.0
PREUSSAG	186.5
PWA	219.0
RHEINMETAL	298.0
RWE	231.0
RWE L	216.5
SALAMANDER	260.0
SCHERING	520.0
SEL	295.5
SIEMENS	444.0
THYSSEN	153.0
VARTA	290.0
VEBA	260.0
VEW	0
VOLKSWAGEN	251.0

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLE	MITSUB CP	1210	1180
AJJINOMOTO	2950	2930	MITSUB EST	2400
AKAI ELEC	605	620	MITSUB HVY	975
AKOI	974	964	MITSUI CO	920
ASAHI GLS	1950	1950	MITSUKOSHI	1930
ASAHI OPT	691	680	MITSUMI EL	1110
BANK TOKYO	1590	1590	HICHICON	1340
BRIDGESTON	1350	1350	NICHON CMNT	796
CANON	1390	1410	NIKKO SEC	1890
CASIO COMP	1290	1300	NIP ELEC	2180
CHUGAI PHM	1630	1620	NIP KOKAN	689
CITIZEN U	848	860	NIP OIL	1100
D-ICHI KAN	3050	3120	NIP STEEL	772
DAI NIP IK	815	820	NIP YUSEI	782
DAI NIP PT	2520	2530	NOHARA SEC	1230
DAI NIP SC	1100	1130	ORIBA CO	946
DAI NIP TO	650	630	OLYMPUS	1110
DAICEL	896	908	PENTA DCN	860
DAIMA H	2040	2050	PIONEER	3520
DAIMA SEC	2400	2480	RENOV	955
DAIWA MFG	965	960	RICOH	1290
DEUTS FU	2090	2090	SAKUYO	2030
FUJITSU	1780	1780	SEMICO	2060
FUJI BANK	3240	3210	SENYO ELEC	751
FUJI PHOTO	3740	3760	SEMU ST	2360
FUJISAWA	1840	1830	SEKISUI PB	1740
FUJITA CP	723	730	SHARP	1190
HITACHI	1900	1920	SHISEIDO	1680
HONDA MOT	2260	2270	SONY	6810
ISETAN	2380	2440	SUMITOMO	1120
ITO YOKADO	4350	4330	TAISEI	918
JAP SYR JU	1100	1130	TAISHO MRN	1100
JAPAN AIR	16000	14500	TAKEDA CH	2690
KAWASAKI H	720	705	TOKYO GAS	1300
KAWASAKI S	759	729	TOKYO POWR	5910
KIRIN BREW	2000	2020	TORAY IND	890
KONATSU	775	765	TOSHIBA EL	1120
KUBATO LTD	715	710	TOTO	2070
KYOCERA	5950	5970	TOTO KOGO	686
MAKITA EL	1710	1720	TOTOTA MOT	2840
MARU	3160	3150	YANAMA	1470
MATSUTA EI	2620	2660	YAMAIATCHI	1900
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMANUCHI	4000
MEIJI SEIK	921	927	YAMAZAKI	1440

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLE




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**BUSINESS****Despite intervention by central banks**

# Dollar at best since early '87

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuter): The dollar rose to its best London close against the Deutsche mark since January 1987 today despite intervention against it by the US and West German central banks.

Dealers attributed its summer rebound from recent historic lows to a prospect that already-high US interest rates may rise further to damp down inflation in a booming economy.

Dollar assets thus promise generous returns. But if much more money flows to the dollar and it goes much higher, it could worry governments. Higher import costs may cause inflation outside America while rising prices on US goods could make it harder for the US to correct its trade deficit.

**Operators**

"At the moment, operators are so bullish they are interpreting every piece of news as an excuse to push up the dollar," said Philippe d'Arvesen, first vice-president of Banque Nationale de Paris.

Although the US Federal Reserve Board and the West German Bundesbank sold dollars, America's currency closed in London above 1.9 marks for the first time since January 9, 1987.

It ended at 1.9030 marks after 1.8885 on Friday. It was 22 per cent above an all-time low of 1.5615 touched this January 4 in the shadow of the "Black Monday" financial crash.

Some saw the dollar rising to

two Deutschemarks after it had celebrated the magic date of 8.88 by holding above the psychologically-important barrier of 1.9.

The mark's weakness has been accelerated by a capital outflow from West Germany. A Bundesbank report showed a record outflow last month of 50 billion marks (\$26 billion), partly because of a new withholding tax on German bonds.

But the dollar is also firm against Japan's yen, ending at 133.82. It has gained 11 per cent on the yen since an all-time low in January of 120.20.

Figures on Friday which showed brisk gains in the number of Americans finding jobs — 630,000 in June and July — were taken in the market as new evidence of robust US economic expansion.

Speculators bought more dollars on a hunch US interest rates may rise further to meet an implied threat of inflation.

**Limits**

The Central Bank intervention reflects official fears about the damage a fluctuating dollar can do to trade and economic activity. The Group of Seven industrial nations pledged at their Toronto summit in June to try to stabilise exchange rates.

But economists say there are limits on how far central banks can change the direction of a computerised, 24-hour global currency market which often

trades \$200 billion a day.

Several also said they thought the Reagan administration would be content to see the dollar ride high to help Vice-President George Bush in his campaign for the presidency.

Gold closed steady at \$432.50 an ounce in London.

Oil prices firm on prospects that a ceasefire in the war between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran may help unite the organisation in its efforts to curb excess production. Typical North Sea oil was up 35 cents at around \$15.30 a barrel.

Most stock markets began the week in rather subdued mood. The Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street was up just 2.31 at midday in New York. Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei index fell 109.06 points in dull trading.

**Rise**

In London, shares were mixed in late business, falling back from their highs shortly after midday when the Bank of England signalled a wish to see base lending rates rise by 1/2 a percentage point.

The main banks swiftly followed and raised their base rates to 11 pcp from 10 1/2 pcp.

Analysts said the market's reaction to the unexpected rate hike was fairly muted because few set rates going significantly higher from the current level. "All the fundamentals of strong US corporate performance and dividend growth, along with bid

talk are likely to keep shares firm," one dealer said.

By 1440 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 0.1 points to 1,876. The index touched a high on the day of 1,885.2 and some analysts predict the FTSE 100 can rise as high as 1,950 within the next month or so because of bullish fundamentals.

"Today's rate rise might take the shine off the next few days but basically we think the near term FTSE trend is upwards," one analyst commented.

Some analysts thought today's rate rise might be linked to next week's UK economic data which includes money supply and bank lending news for July. "The bank could be working to take the sting out of the money figures," one dealer commented.

Many anticipate July bank and building society lending figures will be heavily inflated by a rush of mortgage borrowing to try and beat the deadline on tax qualifications for unmarried couples as well as a surge in lending for August new car registrations, dealers said.

**Speculation**

Wednesday seen an auction of short-dated government bonds.

Some analysts said UK authorities, faced with possibly discouraging lending figures next week, may have raised base rates to avoid the damaging effect such a move would have after new stock is issued.

Pearson shares traded in a

wide range today, touching a high of 815 compared to Friday's closing 786 before settling to trade at 790 in afternoon business.

Dealers said the early gain in Pearson followed news Rupert Murdoch's News International had agreed to buy Triangle Publications of the US for £3 billion. This led to speculation Murdoch may sell his 20 per cent major Soviet natural gas import agreement.

The Soviet Union is our biggest neighbour, but we have not had the biggest commercial ties. We want to correct this situation," said Ozal, brother of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and responsible for the Turkish economy.

Pearson managed to stay ahead of the wider market because of its first half results announcement this morning showing better than expected pre-tax profit of £81.7 mln versus 51.2 mln.

Dealers said Reed International was rumoured as a potential bidder for Pearson, but few believed Reed would make such a move because of probable Monopolies Commission objections to such a merger.

Reed was unchanged at Friday's closing 454.

Grand Metropolitan was among the most actively traded issues today, up 25p to 521 on turnover of 8.5 mln shares by 1440 GMT. Dealers said the shares rose after the company said it may sell its Inter-Continental Hotels division following approaches by several parties interested in the chain.

British Aerospace was near the top of the actives list, rising 16p to 507 on turnover of 7.8 mln shares by late afternoon.

**Developing countries trying to boost foreign currency earnings**

## Debt crisis weighs heavy on Third World

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuter): It has been six years since Western banks realised they faced a Third World debt crisis and many now say they have weathered the storm fairly well.

But for the debtors, still making huge repayments and short of fresh money, the trauma seems far from over.

August, 1982, when banks agreed a rescue package to stop a Mexican default, is generally seen as the start of the crisis.

It was then the West woke up to the fact that Third World economies were simply not big enough to repay the billions of recycled OPEC petrodollars the banks had loaned them.

**Deal**

The Mexican deal set a pattern for many subsequent debt packages that have involved postponing repayments, new loans to help meet interest payments on existing debt and austerity measures so the debtor can afford to keep up its payments.

"Mexico is always given as an example of a success story in the debt crisis, but real wages have fallen about 40 per cent in the process," said Stephanie Griffith-Jones, an economist at the Institute of Development

Studies at England's Sussex University.

That means that Mexicans can afford little more than half the goods they could in 1982.

So debtors have had to keep seeking debt reschedulings, had to add unpaid interest on to their total debt burden and use what few new loans which were available to make interest payments on existing debt.

**Debtors**

Sometimes, it has seemed as if they could never get clear.

"There's nothing wrong with Argentina's debt problem that could not be fixed if the debt was half of what it is. How long do you go on pretending the figures are going to add up?" said a development expert in Buenos Aires.

"We must find a balance between servicing the debt and providing funds to promote domestic growth," he said.

Agencies like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank ask debtor nations to tighten their belts by cutting spending, especially on imports, and boosting exports.

Belt-tightening has proved unpopular.

Last year, mounting political opposition to austerity led Brazil, the Third World's largest debtor owing \$121 billion, to freeze payments on some \$62 billion owed to banks. It has only recently agreed to lift the freeze.

Zambia last May decided to reject an IMF reform and austerity programme.

The fund and the World Bank have since come back, offering financial help in exchange for an end to avoid subsidies, a cut in government spending and a currency devaluation.

"But we have said no. We do not want to disrupt the new programme, which is showing positive signs of economic recovery," Finance Minister Gibson Chilanga told the government newspaper, the Zambia Daily Mail.

**Debts**

When, on August 13, 1982, Mexico's efforts to meet a 1982 interest and debt repayment bill of \$28 billion led it to slap on currency controls, that shock move led its creditors to agree to postpone repayments dates on \$10 billion of loans within the week.

All in all, and despite the progress that has been made... the debt situation remains a major problem," Duisenberg said last month.

The Third World then owed a total of \$600 million. Bankers

worried that they would be bankrupted if a debtor did not repay its loans.

Now, the Third World owes \$1.2 trillion.

It takes months to get often unwilling bankers to agree to reschedule debts. They have been building up reserves to protect themselves against losses, should any Third World debtor not make its payments.

In 1987, Citicorp, the biggest American bank, set aside \$3 billion from its profits to cover such losses. Other American and British banks followed suit. European and Japanese banks have been steadily building reserves all along.

That is why they will agree to reschedule debt or to let a Third World nation add unpaid interest to its total debt.

But, said Wim Duisenberg, the president of the Bank for International Settlements, there is no sign that Third World nations are regaining access to new money for investment and development.

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## Ceasefire optimism buoys exchange market

**By Lima Al Khelaifi**

IRAN'S acceptance of the Iraqi ceasefire initiative has fired the exchange market here, shooting the Iraqi dinar and the Iranian rial sky-high.

Iraq announced yesterday that it fully accepts the Iraqi call for a ceasefire, followed by face-to-face negotiations to end the eight-year-old conflict.



The exchange market yesterday witnessed an increase in the currency transactions.

The Iraqi dinar rate was quoted at 350 fils. Money changers were pessimistic about the news, but hoped this to be true since it would give a much-needed boost to their business.

**Increase**

A money changer, Saheeh Abu Al Hassan of the Johara Exchange Company, said that the daily average transactions ranged between 100,000 and 200,000.

This is the appropriate time to increase business, he said. On Sunday, 1,000 Iranian rials were available for KD6.500, he

said. But, yesterday, the rate of the Iranian currency shot up and 1,000 Iranian rials were quoted at KD10.

Another money changer said that an increase in the rate of exchange of both currencies will occur immediately after the

announcement of a ceasefire.

He added that money exchange companies were flooded with customers looking for quick and easy profits.

Scores of citizens stood in front of exchange shops, some wanting to sell and others to buy

the two currencies. They hoped to find profits they were accustomed to before the war broke out in 1980.

Prior to the war, the Iraqi dinar was valued at about 900 fils, while the Iranian rial fetched 0.050 fils.

Swiss consumer prices fell in July. The All-Share Swiss index gained 1.3 to 909.8.

**LONDON:** Prices were mixed, falling back from their highs when the Bank of England signalled a wish to see base lending rates rise. By 1440 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 0.1 points to 1,876.

**PARIS:** French shares ended easier but off opening lows in very quiet trade. The 50-share indicator ended 0.06 per cent down. "Traditionally this is meant to be the quietest week of the year," said one trader.

**FRANKFURT:** Prices were mixed in thin trading. Insecurity over the unstable bond market

and interest rates set the tone. The 60-share Commerzbank Index, calculated at mid-session, rose 11.1 to 1,510.4.

**BOMBAY:** Prices declined on a broad front on widespread profit-taking by state financial institutions.

**HONG KONG:** Prices were lower in dull trade. Most blue chips were little changed in the absence of fresh incentives. The Hang Seng index lost 12.07 to

2,659.10.

**SINGAPORE:** The market closed higher. Gains in index-based stocks pushed the Straits Times industrial index up 5.82 to a post-crash high 1,644.3.

**TOKYO:** Prices were lower on profit-taking in dull trade with no fresh factors or surprises to attract investors. The Nikkei index fell 109.06 to 28,253.12.

**NEW YORK:** Stocks were little changed at mid-session with blue chips showing a small gain. The market gained some support from the rising dollar. The Dow was up three at 2,122 in light volume.

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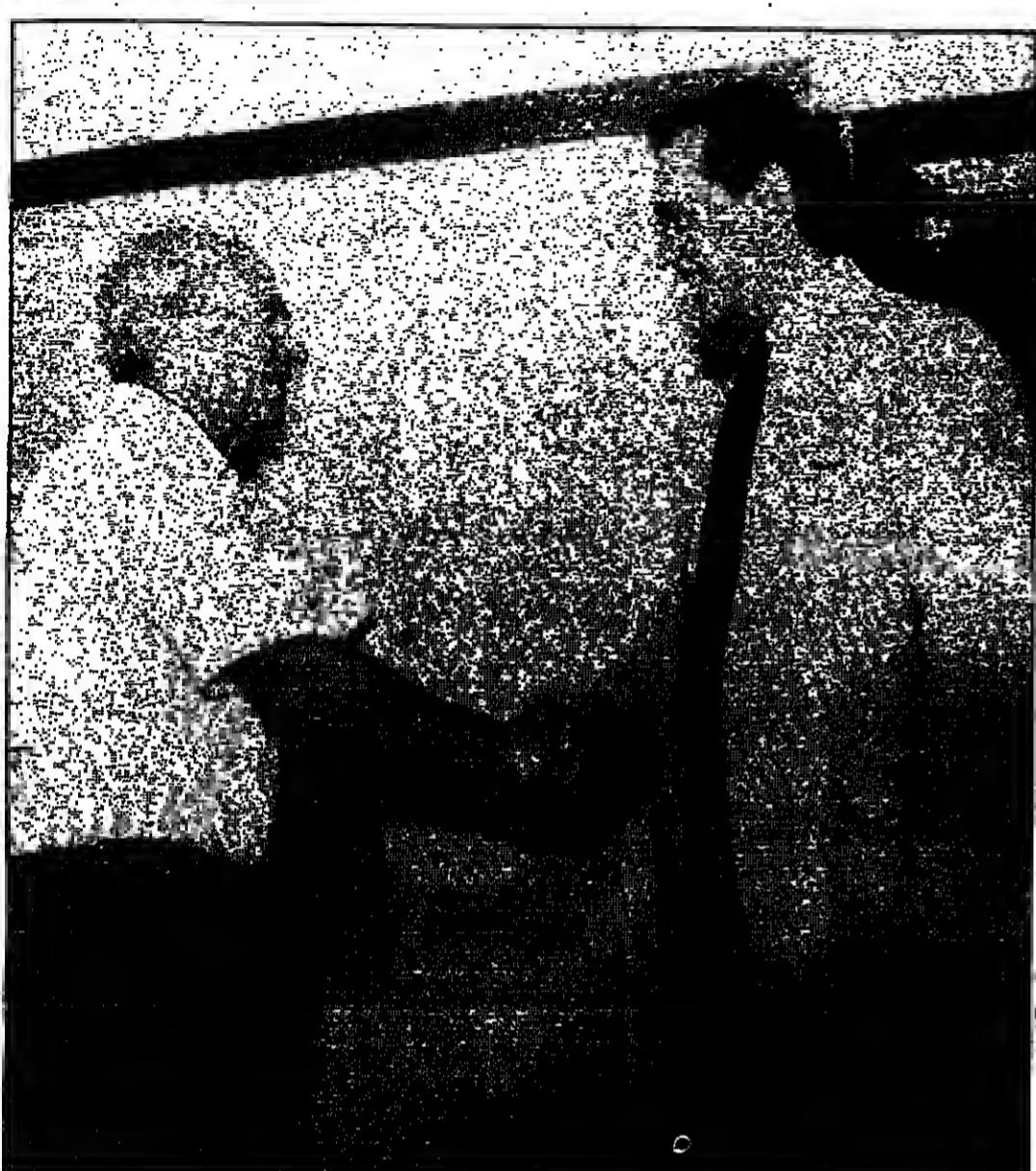
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US State Department envoy Richard Murphy met Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar waves off reporters' questions as he heads for a closed-door meeting of the Security Council on the Iran-Iraq war. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SOUTH KOREAN riot police leaps to avoid a petrol bomb thrown by student protesters in front of Shinsegae department store in downtown Seoul yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



EXILED Armenian nationalist Parvir Ajrikyan, expelled from the Soviet Union on charge of fomenting dissent, holds his visa application form in front of the Soviet consulate in Paris. Ajrikyan is asking for a visa as he wants to go back to the Soviet Union. (Reuter wirephoto)



TROOPS of the Philippine Constabulary display some of their high-powered weapons during a parade marking the 87th anniversary of the paramilitary force. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (right) winces as an insect is waved away from her face by Princess Monique, wife of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, during a visit to the Kampuchean refugee camp on the Thai-Kampuchean border. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHUNG KYUNG-HWAN is led to the courtroom in Seoul yesterday handcuffed and roped, with 12 other defendants for the second hearing of his alleged corruption during the presidency of his elder brother Chun Doo Hwan. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS young man has found an ingenious way of keeping cool while water-skiing on the Rhine River. The shower attachment scoops up water from below and spouts it out on the skier. (Reuter wirephoto)



A JUBILANT Wayne Rainey of the United States (left) raises his arm after he won the British Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle race in Donington Park, England. On his right is the world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

A SALVADOREAN soldier carries a comrade wounded in a clash with leftist guerrillas a few kilometres outside Parguin in northeastern Morazan province. (Reuter wirephoto)

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GERMAN STAR LOOKS FORWARD TO US OPEN

# Becker outplays McEnroe for title

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8. (UPI): Serving like the Boris Becker who twice won Wimbledon, the top-seeded West German overpowered fifth seed John McEnroe 6-4 6-2 to win the \$15,000 US Hardcourt Tennis Championships yesterday.

The match was their first meeting since last summer when the year-old West German won an epic five-set Davis Cup match that lasted an astounding 6 hours and 20 minutes.

Yesterday's victory, which was worth \$50,575 to Becker, took almost five hours less than the 1987 Davis Cup marathon.

The one-hour first set was a battle that could have gone either way.

**Traded**

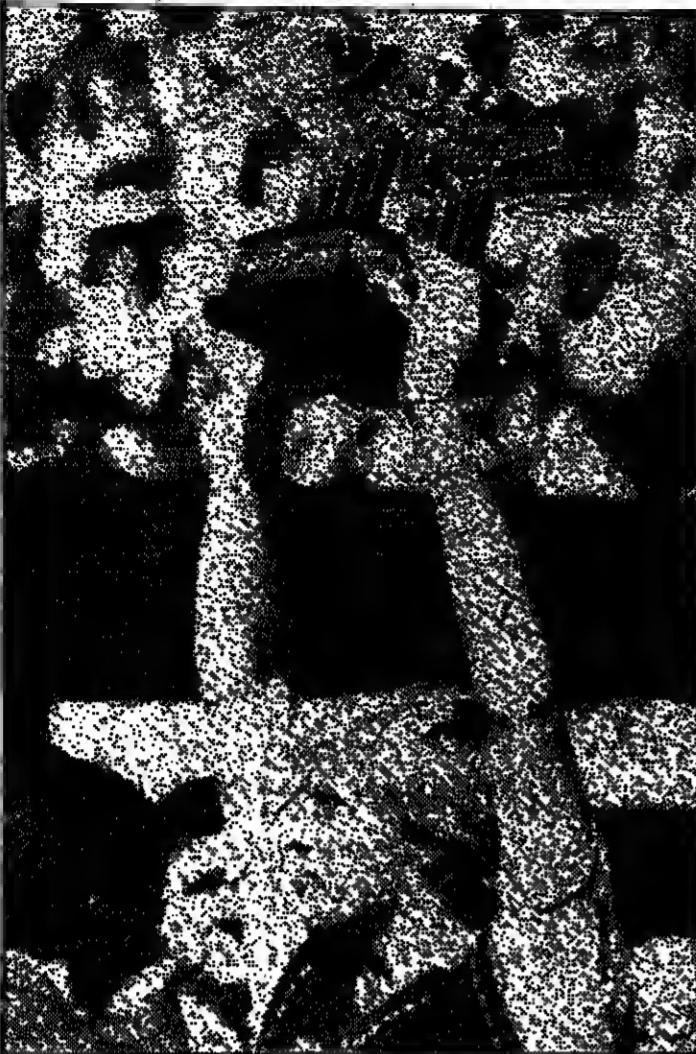
The fifth-ranked Becker and the former world's number one now ranked 17th, traded breaks to open the match. The turning point came in the eighth game with McEnroe leading 4-3.

McEnroe had three break points against Becker's serve with a chance to take a 5-3 lead, but the top seed rose to the occasion as he fought off each break opportunity and held his nerve with a brilliant backhand crosscourt shot.

Becker then poured the pressure on, breaking McEnroe in the ninth game and holding his serve for the set.

"I thought the entire first set was close," said Becker. "He had a couple of chances also but the first set was the key of the whole match."

Becker's serve got stronger as he matched wore on and he took control early in the second set by breaking McEnroe in the first



Becker: holds his trophy aloft. (Reuter wirephoto)

and "the next thing I knew I was down a break."

"In the second set his game

picked up and I didn't move that well. I thought he returned my service well," said McEnroe.

Becker came up with another service break in the seventh game to lead 5-2. The West German, who blasted seven aces in the match, then closed it out by holding his serve at love.

"This was by far my best match of the week," Becker said.

With the hardcourt title in his pocket and an impressive showing at Wimbledon under his belt, Becker is brimming with confidence as the final Grand Slam tournament of the year approaches.

## Forward

The US Open begins on August 29 and Becker is ready to begin another Grand Slam campaign.

"I am looking forward to it," said Becker. "New York is a great city and the people are great."

"I like playing on the quick hard courts. It is one of my favorite surfaces and the balls fly, so I hope to play like I did at Wimbledon," said Becker who defeated world number one Ivan Lendl in the semifinal round before losing the Wimbledon final to Stefan Edberg of Sweden.

The West German, best known for his success on the grass of Wimbledon where he won the singles title in 1983 and 1986, appeared more comfortable at Indianapolis where the surface is similar to the hard courts at the US National Tennis Centre — home of the US Open.

Becker said he is trying to make the best of his strengths and is working hard to use his

game the right way."

The right way for him, Becker said, is to play an aggressive serve and volley game.

"I have one of the best serves in the game," he said. "I have the desire to come in and attack before the other guy."

Since he started working with Australian coach Bob Brett eight months ago, Becker has won titles at Indian Wells, Dallas, Queen's Club and Indianapolis.

Becker is playing very solid tennis. He has changed his return of serve slightly to produce a better mixture of shots and says he is "feeling freer" and more relaxed on court.

The agile red head says he is heading into the US Open with a fresh attitude and a new frame of mind — comfortable and confident.

"It's a case of mainly keeping your concentration and head for two weeks," he said. "You can't expect to play the best in the first couple of matches, but you have to win them. You must be able to lift your game a notch and then another notch."

## Career

Becker considers his performance at last year's US Open, where he lost to American Brad Gilbert in the fourth round after leading two sets to love, one of the low points of his career.

"I was in a bad frame of mind and I didn't like tennis at all. It was a case of just surviving each round," Becker said.

"However if I think about this year's Wimbledon then it should give me a lot of confidence for the Open. I have beaten the best players in the world."

inform the authorities whenever they left the camp. But chief coach Yuri Bakarivin said no special checks were carried out. "They are growing up people and we treat them as such," he said.

Sedykh, 33, bettered his own world record in August 1986 with a throw of 86.74 metres at the European Championships in Stuttgart, a mark which still stands, but has since failed to show the same form.

The trouble is that people have got used to our strength and fully expect us to take all three medals," said Anatoly Bondarchuk, Sedykh's personal coach and chief trainer for the Soviet hammer team.

## Expected

"If we don't get all three, it's considered some kind of a failure," he added.

Bondarchuk, the former world record holder and 1972 Olympic champion, said he expected Sedykh and Litvinov to fight it out for the gold while Tamm should be able to shrug off East German Ralf Haber to take the bronze.

Such an event would continue a prestigious tradition of Soviet dominance in the hammer.

Both Sedykh's Olympic golds, in 1976 and 1980, were at the head of Soviet one-two-threes. Bondarchuk himself being beaten into bronze medal position in Montreal while Litvinov and Tamm were second and third in Moscow.

Soviet represents the Soviets' first opportunity to repeat the 1980 result after their country's boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

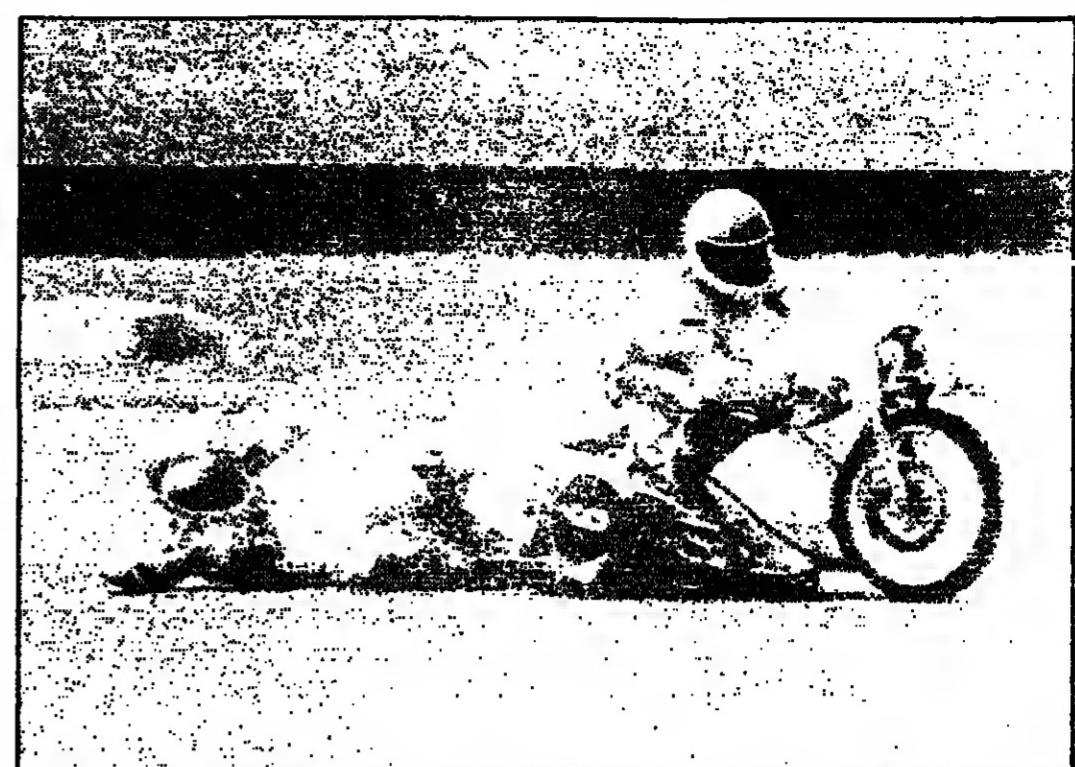
Haber, whose best throw of 82.36 metres at Dresden in June has been bettered by all three Soviet athletes, is nonetheless considered the main threat to a Soviet clean sweep in the event, with West Germany also pressing close behind.

Bondarchuk was speaking at the Soviet athletics training camp at Podolsk, 50 km south of Moscow, where the country's top hammer, discus and javelin throwers and shot putters spent two weeks in July in a joint training session.

## Regime

The camp, set in rolling countryside of birchwood and meadows, operated under a rigid regime, with athletes going to bed every night at 11 pm and getting up at 8 am.

Alcohol and tobacco were banned and athletes had to



• Gerhard Waibel of West Germany falls to the ground as Bady Hassaine of Tunisia (No. 23) safely passes by during the British Grand Prix 125cc motorcycle race at Donington Park, England, on Sunday. Ezio Gianna of Italy won the race. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Soviet hammer team aims to clinch all three Olympic medals

## Vehkonen moves into 2nd place

MARACAY, Venezuela, Aug. 8. (Reuter): Finland's Pekka Vehkonen scored a definite victory in the Venezuelan Grand Prix — the 10th leg of the 250cc World Championship Motorcross — by winning both heats to move from fourth to second in the world standings.

Vehkonen now has 226 points and trails world's leader Jhon van Den Berk of the Netherlands who has 271.

Rodney Smith of the US and Jeremy Whaley of Britain, who did not compete in Venezuela, are tied for third in the world standings with 194 points.

Vehkonen will have a chance to catch the Dutchman in the Argentinian and Swedish races later this month.

## Leading

On his Cagiva, Vehkonen led through the entire first heat, winning by 13 seconds, but had to fight it out in the second heat with Britain's Rob Herring.

Herring passed Herring on through the 20-lap race and won by 12 seconds over Van den Berk.

Although there were surprisingly few accidents in the races, Herring fell during the second heat and dropped to fourth after leading for most of the race.

Herring, who is 11th in the world with 109 points, also had to withdraw from the first heat due to mechanical problems.

Van den Berk finished sixth in the first heat on his Yamaha. However, he rode a hard race in the second heat, finishing close behind Vehkonen.

## Gebbers creates motocross history

NAMUR, Belgium, Aug. 8. (Reuter): Belgian Erik Gebbers created motocross history in his homeland yesterday when he clinched the 500cc world championship to win all three categories.

Gebbers, 125cc champion in 1982-83 and 250cc king last season, finished fifth and sixth in the two races but it was enough to put him beyond the reach of his rivals ahead of next Sunday's final round in Luxembourg.

Sweden's Hakan Carlqvist won both races on his Kawasaki.

## Knepper takes Astros past Dodgers

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (AP): Bob Knepper moved Houston a little closer to Los Angeles in the National League West by beating the Dodgers with his pitching and his smarts.

Taking advantage of two run-scoring balks, the Astros' and Knepper beat the Dodgers 4-2 at the Astrodome yesterday, narrowing the Dodgers' division lead to 2-1/2 games over second-place Houston.

"It's a mind game with him (Knepper) and he's holding the ball, so he's usually outthinks you," Los Angeles' Mike Marshall said.

## Figured

"He moves the ball around, and works on your emotions," Marshall said. "He's unpredictable. You never know what he's going to throw. Just when you think you've got him figured out he throws something you don't expect."

At the start of this season Knepper, 12-3, hadn't beaten the Dodgers since Sept. 19, 1985. But he ended a five-game losing streak against the Dodgers June 6 and beat them again yesterday.

Grossman, playing in her first major tournament final, was unable to hold her serve once in the entire match and managed to win one game in each set by breaking Rehe.

Potter blasts Kelesi for \$50,000 prize

MASON, Ohio, Aug. 8. (AP): Barbara Potter, who had not won a tournament since 1987, captured the \$50,000 first place purse by beating Canadian Helen Kelesi in the \$250,000 singles Light Classic tennis tournament.

Potter defeated Kelesi 6-2, 6-2 in the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center in yesterday's final.

Potter, seeded third, dominated with her powerful left-handed serve.

"It was an easier match for me than some of the others," Potter said. "I knew how dangerous Helen could be. I played in a much better gear than in my other matches."

**Followed**

Kelesi, fourth-seeded, crushed Larisa Maleeva, the No. 1 seed, 6-0, 6-3, on Saturday. Kelesi followed that victory with triumph in Saturday night's doubles semifinal.

Potter was sharper than she'd been all week. A three-timeimbledon quarterfinalist and ranked 15th in the world, Potter reacted on a high percentage first serves and made very few forced errors with the rest of the set.

## Felt

"I feel much more optimistic about the championship now than I felt after two or three races," Senna said.

"Nevertheless, there are so many more races to come that anything is possible and it is wide open. I'm sure the championship will get more and more exciting between Alain and myself."

Senna's performance yesterday, when he was unable to beat Prost by speed alone, owed as much to his dedication and attention to detail in qualifying as to his skill and composure in a race.

Seconds later, he lost the lead — and a possible first place on the Hungaroring circuit.

By claiming his eighth pole position of the season and lead-

fourth to take an 11-2 lead. Joel Youngblood had four of the Giants' 17 hits.

Tom Browning allowed four hits in seven innings as Cincinnati beat San Diego with four runs in the sixth inning.

Forget the rat at Delphi, Boston has Joe Morgan, the oracle of baseball.

Boston's manager predicted Saturday the Red Sox would salvage the finale of the five-game series with Detroit. His prediction appeared in yesterday's Detroit newspapers.

Bruce Hurst then made Morgan look like a genius. He pitched a 10-inning six-hitter and the Red Sox scored three runs in the 10th inning to beat the Tigers 3-0.

"Can't predict?" Morgan said. "Aristotle predicted didn't he? All I know is if you predict often enough you'll eventually look like a genius."

## Score

Hurst, 12-4, struck out five and walked none in his third consecutive victory since coming off the disabled list July 24. Hurst, who matched a career high by pitching 10 innings, is 6-1 in

for the title."

In the second game of the final, New Zealand put together two first-inning hits but failed to score a run. After that, Meredith retired 16 batters in a row before pinch-hitter Don Tricker struck a seventh-inning single.

Meredith struck out three and did not issue a walk.

"I love pitching in these pressure games and I'm glad I was handed the ball today," said Meredith.

## Chicago Bears

GOTEBORG, Sweden, Aug. 8. (AP): The Chicago Bears arrived in Sweden after the longest road trip in the club's history today, a week before their National Football League pre-season game against the Minnesota Vikings.

Sunday's "American Football Classic" between the NFC Central Division rivals will be played on Ullevi stadium's natural turf.

It's the first time ever an NFL pre-season game is played in Scandinavia and the first time in Europe outside Britain.

(Senna) tried to close the door on me," Prost said with a smile. "I was not very secure."

The Frenchman made a determined effort. He carved his way through the field, led fleetingly at the start of the 49th lap and finished only half a second behind after a vain final charge.

"I was ninth on the first lap, but it is a difficult circuit for overtaking," Prost said.

"When you're caught behind cars you destroy the front tyres very quickly on the fast parts of the track."

"But at one stage, I felt almost sure to win the race. Then I had a front wheel problem. There were some vibrations and it slowed me down."

Prost, seeking the 33rd triumph of his Formula One career, will hope for better luck in three weeks' time when he attempts to repeat his victory last year in the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa.

If the two are tied on points at the end of the season, greater number of race wins will determine the winner.

Prost repeatedly was asked about his bold manoeuvre, when he pulled into first place after a duel at the end of the straightaway on the 48th lap.

Defending champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil was eighth in a Lotus Honda.

The Hungarian Grand Prix is the only Formula One race in the Soviet bloc.

Senna (left) waves to the crowd while Senna adjusts his cap while standing on the victory podium. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Golf

## Baker edges Faldo for first European Tour win

YORK, England, Aug. 8. (Reuter): A brace of eagles gave talented British prospect Peter Baker an unexpected victory in the York International golf tournament yesterday.

Baker, three shots behind with four holes remaining, was down in three shots at the par five 18th to force a sudden-death playoff with fellow Briton Nick Faldo. Both players had final rounds of 69 for 271 totals.

He then repeated the seal to sink the former British Open champion on the green at the second

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## Open champion

CRANS-SUR-SIERRA, Switzerland, Aug 8, (Reuter): British Open champion Severiano Ballesteros will contest the \$700,000 European Masters/Swiss Open golf championship here next month, organisers said today.

## Cup qualifier

LISBON, Portugal, Aug 8, (Reuter): The Angola and Sudan national soccer teams struggled to a 0-0 draw in their World Cup soccer qualifier in the Africa Zone pairing played yesterday in Luanda, the Angolan capital, the Angola news agency ANGOP said today in a report monitored here.

## Two-year contract

MILAN, Italy, Aug 8, (Reuter): Brazilian midfielder Milton Queiroz da Paixao, internationally known as Tita, today signed a two-year contract with Italian Major League Pescara, granting him a total of \$450,000.

## Nause triumphs

HIGH POINT, N.C., Aug 8, (Reuter): Martha Nause was the big winner on the final day of the Pat Bradley International golf tournament with 14 points worth \$62,500 yesterday. The victory was the first for Nause on the US Women's Tour and the biggest pay cheque of her career.

## Alcohol level

TAMPA, Florida, Aug 8, (UPI): Olympic diving medalist Bruce Kimball had a blood alcohol level of 0.20 per cent, twice the legal limit, when his car crashed into a group of teenagers and killed two people, the Tampa Tribune reported yesterday.

## Senior Open

MEDINAH, Illinois, Aug 8, (AP): New Zealander Bob Charles bogeyed three of the last four holes yesterday to finish a day-long duel tied with defending champion Gary Player and set up for an 18-hole playoff for the US Senior Open golf championship.

## Winning start

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Aug 8, (AP): Danny Manning and Dan Majerle each scored 13 points yesterday to lead the US men's Olympic basketball team to a 90-82 victory to start an eight-game tour against teams of players from the National Basketball Association.

## Three-day match

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 8, (Reuter): Nottinghamshire and Sri Lanka drew their three-day cricket match today. Scores: Sri Lanka 307 for seven declared and 344 for seven declared, Nottinghamshire 250 for five declared and 101 for no wicket.

## Kid Chocolate dies

HAVANA, Aug 8, (Reuter): Cuban Eliogio Sardinas, who as "Kid Chocolate" became one of boxing's all-time greats, died today at the age of 77, the official Prensa Latina News Agency said.

## Cycling race

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug 8, (AP): Phil Anderson of Australia finished first in the final stage and won the six-day Tour of Denmark professional cycling race that ended in Copenhagen yesterday. Anderson was timed in five hours, 11 minutes and 32 seconds for the 122.5-mile sixth leg.

## Soccer friendly

ALICANTE, Spain, Aug 8, (UPI): Spanish Second Division club Hercules defeated Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany in a penalty shootout after drawing 1-1 in a friendly soccer match yesterday in front of a 12,000 crowd at the Jose Rico Perez stadium.

## Rowing event

MILAN, Italy, Aug 8, (AP): East Germany, confirming its reputation as a rowing superpower, swept six gold medals out of 14 finals at the World Junior Championships yesterday.

## Upset victory

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug 8, (AP): In an upset victory, Brazil's Carreirinha yesterday won the 56th Grande Prix, Brazil's most prestigious horse race, which this year carried a \$25,000 prize.

## KCL entries

THE Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) is accepting entries for the 1988-89 season, expected to start early next month. A total of 10 trophies will be at stake in this season, two more than last year.

For further details contact the KCL president Sajid Rizvi, Tel: 5332052 (evening) or Riaz Chaudhry before Aug 25.

## HAYNES LEADS CARIBBEAN SIDE TO 4-0 SERIES WIN

## West Indies steamroller England

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuter): Opener Desmond Haynes scored a resolute 77 not out to steer West Indies to an eight-wicket win over England in the fifth and final Test at the Oval today and a comprehensive 4-0 series victory.

Shortly after tea on the fourth day of the five-day match, Gus Logie punched the ball to the mid-on boundary to take West Indies to 226 for two and continue their remarkable winning record over their hosts.

Only a draw in the first Test prevented a West Indies series whitewash for the third time in a row, but they have now beaten England 14 out of the last 15 times the teams have met.

## Looked

Although West Indies were set to make the highest innings score of the match for victory, the result never looked in doubt after the flying start given by Haynes and Gordon Greenidge on Saturday evening.

Greenidge, who lashed a superb 53 not out in West Indies' 71 without loss on Saturday, was more subdued when play resumed, managing only a further 24 in the morning session.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, gaining turn from the bowlers' footmarks, tied both batsmen down and was finally rewarded first ball after lunch when the ball ballooned up from bat, pad and shoulder to dismiss Greenidge for 77.

Haynes, twice missed by England in the field, reached



Haynes: hit an unbeaten 77

exactly the same score by the end, with the talented Logie stroking a rapid 38 not out to complete England's misery.

The only other wicket to fall was that of Carl Hooper who cracked a four and a six off

Childs in the space of three balls but then played on to Neil Foster after he had made 23.

With the historic Oval ground once again bathed in bright sunshine, the pitch continued to play true and the England bowlers

never hinted at being able to achieve a major breakthrough.

Even so Haynes was taking no chances, especially with captain Viv Richards available to bat only in exceptional circumstances. Richards has been suffering from a recurrence of haemorrhoids trouble.

In all Haynes was at the crease for 356 minutes, facing 237 balls, and his stand of 131 with Greenidge was the pair's 12th century opening partnership for their country.

England, outplayed throughout the series, at least had the satisfaction of being in with a chance for most of the first three days of the match. But after collapsing for 183 in their first innings, West Indies batsmen never looked likely to permit a repeat.

Foster, who took the top five wickets in the first innings, was unable to gain the same bounce and movement. England gamely instead on the spin of Childs but although he occasionally troubled the batsmen, Greenidge was his only victim in 40 overs which cost 79 runs.

Wicketkeeper and stylish batsman Jeff Dujon was named Man of the Match for his memorable stroke play in scoring 64 to rescue West Indies in the first innings plus his agile display behind the stumps.

There was no surprise in the choice of Man of the Series — fast bowler Malcolm Marshall who took 35 wickets, a record for

a series between the two countries.

England's Man of the Series was Graham Gooch, the only home batsman to be able to look back with any degree of satisfaction. He was also drafted in as England's fourth captain of the series, and Derek Pringle became the fifth to lead the team after a dislocated finger kept Gooch off the field for the final hours.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 205 (R. Smith 57, R. Bailey 43, C. Ambrose three for 31, R. Harper three for 50)

WEST INDIES first innings 183 (J. Dujon 64, G. Logie 47, N. Foster five for 64, D. Pringle three for 45)

ENGLAND second innings 202 (G. Gooch 84, W. Benjamin four for 52)

WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 71 for 6 wickets)

G. Greenidge c Richards b Childs 77

D. Haynes not out ..... 77

C. Hooper b Foster ..... 23

G. Logie not out ..... 38

Extras (6-2-0-3 nb-6) ..... 11

Total (for two wickets) ..... 226

Did not bat: V. Richards, J. Dujon, R. Harper, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, W. Benjamin, C. Walsh

Bowling: Foster 18-3-52-1, Dujon 17-2-40-2, Childs 40-16-79

I. Pringle 13-4-24-0, Capel 3-0-8-0

Results — West Indies won by eight wickets

First Test: Nottingham (Trent Bridge) — England drawn

Second Test: London (Lord's) — West Indies won by 134 runs

Third Test: Manchester (Old Trafford) — West Indies won by an innings and 156 runs

Fourth Test: Leeds (Headingley) — West Indies won by 16 wickets

West Indies won five-match series 4-0



Hick: four for 42



Watkinson: four for 17

## Worcestershire step up defence of Sunday League title

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuter): Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick produced a personal best bowling performance to add to his batting exploits this season as his adopted county Worcestershire stepped up their defence of the Sunday League cricket title.

Hick took his League-best of four for 42 with off-breaks, and also hit an unbeaten 52 off 59 balls, to steer the defending champions to an eight-wicket win with 7.2 overs to spare against Sussex at Worcester.

## Undefeated

Sussex struggled to reach 165 for nine in their 40 overs on an easy-paced pitch, their innings being anchored by captain Paul Parker, who batted throughout to make an undefeated 74 off 107 balls.

Hick, who began his prolific summer with the bat by becoming the first player for 15 years to score 1,000 first-class runs by the end of May, showed the pitch in its true light with some vivid strokes. He put on 101 in an unfinished third wicket stand with David Leatherdale (51 not out).

Second-placed Worcestereshire's victory enabled them to move within two points of leaders Middlesex, who crashed to defeat by 55 runs against Lancashire.

All-rounder Mike Watkinson captured a match-winning four for 17 with his medium-pacers as Middlesex, needing 208, collapsed to 26 for 25 in the 15th over.

They need all out for 155 after England discards John Embrey (50) and Paul Dowton (32) shared a seventh-wicket stand of 68 in 12 overs.

Lancashire, for whom Sri Lankan-born Gehan Mendis struck his Sunday best for the county of 86 in 94 balls, are in third place — four points behind Middlesex.

All-rounder Duncan Wild lashed a six off the penultimate delivery to give Northamptonshire

shrine a five-wicket win over Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Northants, needing 185, seemed out of the hunt after losing half their side for 113 by the 32nd over, but Wild tilted the balance and ended with his best League score of 74 not out, including three sixes.

## Results

All-Worcestershire beat Sussex by eight wickets. Sussex 165 for nine innings closed (P. Parker 74 not out, G. Hick four for 42), Worcestershire 166 for two in 32.4 overs (G. Hick 52 not out, D. Leatherdale 51 not out). Worcester 4 points.

All-Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by three wickets, Yorkshire 191 for eight innings closed (P. Carrick 41, R. Blakey four for 40). Gloucestershire 193 for seven in 39 overs (P. Harley four for 27). Gloucestershire 4 points.

All-Leicester: Hampshire beat Leicestershire by five wickets. Hampshire 207 for nine innings closed (M. Watkinson 41, C. Smith 47), Leicestershire 177 for seven innings closed (L. Potter 52, J. Benson 42 not out). Hampshire 4 points.

All-Blackpool: Lancashire beat Middlesex by 52 runs. Lancashire 207 for nine innings closed (G. Mendis 50, M. Watkinson 41), Middlesex 153 in 37.4 overs (J. Embrey 50, N. Hutton 40). Lancashire 4 points.

All-Edmonton: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by five wickets. Warwickshire 184 for eight innings closed (H. Morris 51, Surrey 189 for eight runs). Northamptonshire 190 for seven innings closed (H. Morris 51, Surrey 189 for 39 overs). Warwickshire 4 points.

All-Weston-Super-Mare: Derbyshire beat Somerset by two runs. Derbyshire 174 for eight innings closed (Somerset 174 for nine innnings closed) (V. Marks 80). Derbyshire 4 points.

## Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (table untenable — played, won, lost, tied, no result).

Middlesex ..... 14 8 2 0 4 40

Worcestershire ..... 13 9 3 0 1 39

Lancashire ..... 13 8 3 0 2 36

Gloucestershire ..... 13 8 3 0 2 36

Surrey ..... 13 7 3 1 2 35

Glamorgan ..... 13 6 3 1 2 35

Yorkshire ..... 13 5 5 0 1 2 35

Kent ..... 13 5 7 0 1 2 35

Warwickshire ..... 13 5 6 1 1 2 35

East ... ..... 13 5 6 1 1 2 35

Somerset ..... 13 4 7 2 1 2 35

Sussex ..... 13 4 6 0 2 2 35

Northampton ..... 13 4 6 1 1 2 35

Leicestershire ..... 13 2 8 1 1 2 34

Nottinghamshire ..... 14 2 10 1 1 2 34

## Idzi wins pentathlon event

WARSAW, Aug 8, (Reuter): Poland's Dorota Idzi won the women's modern pentathlon World Championship yesterday after beating defending champion Irina Kiseleva of the Soviet Union in the concluding two kilometres cross-country.

But Idzi, who went last, beat her rival by eight seconds and finished 10th behind winner and compatriot Anna Suhima.

Idzi scored a total of 5,308 points, 57 more than second-placed Kiseleva.

Poland, second behind Britain in the running, comfortably won the team competition with 15,423 points, beating Italy by 742 points.

Sullivan sails to 2nd victory of season

BROOKLYN, Michigan: Aug 8, (UPI): Danny Sullivan took the lead on the 10th lap and coasted to his second victory of the season yesterday in the Marlboro 500 at Michigan International Speedway.

Runner-up Bobby Rahal was a lap behind the 38-year-old Sullivan, who set a 500-mile race record of 180.654 MPH in his Chevrolet prepared by the Penske racing team. It broke the old mark of 171.493 MPH set by Michael Andretti in last year's